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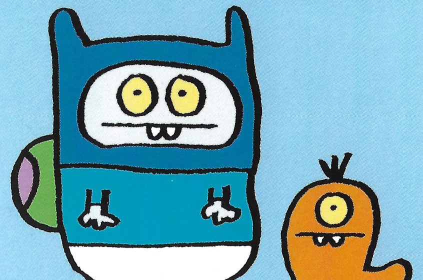

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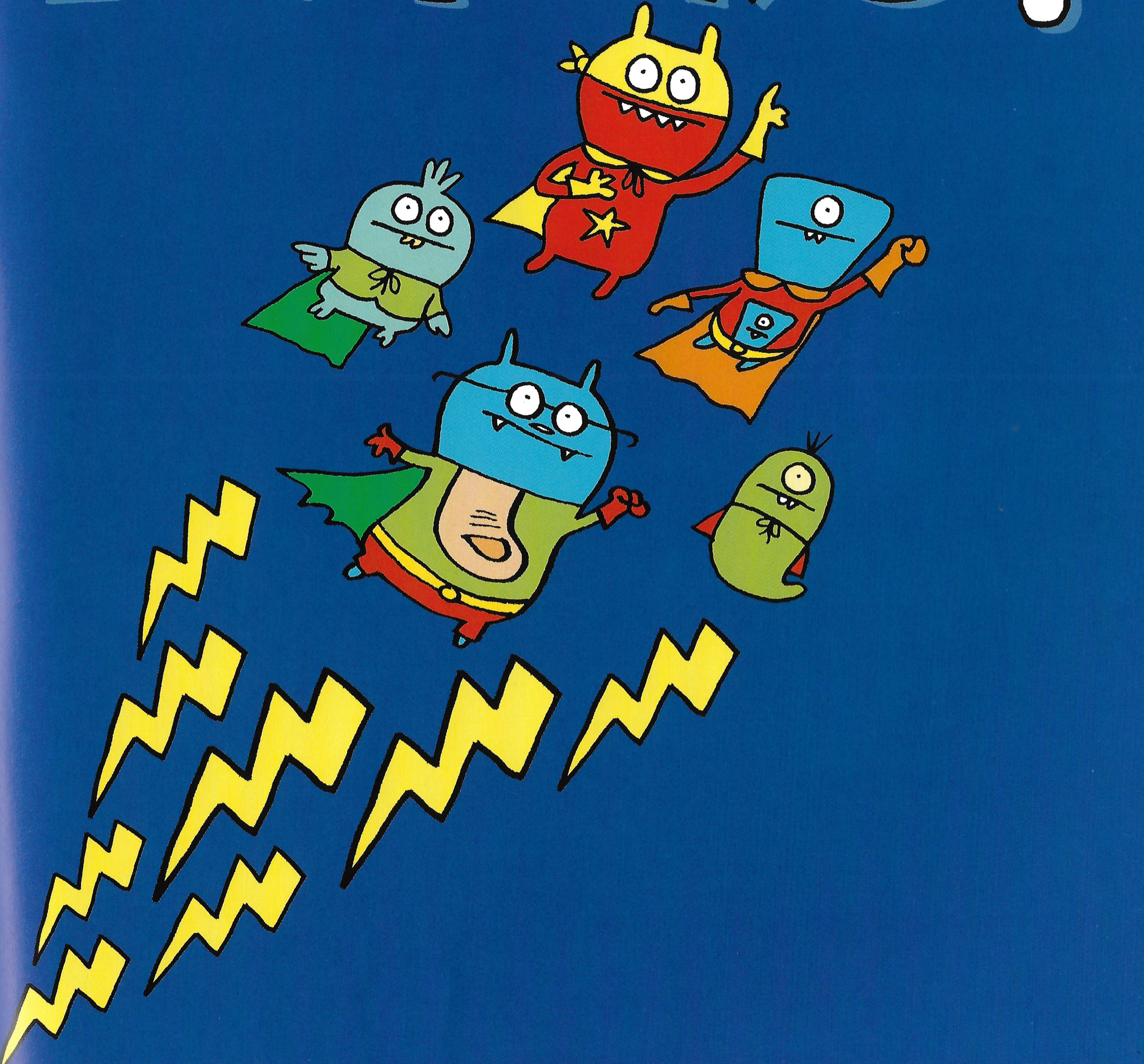

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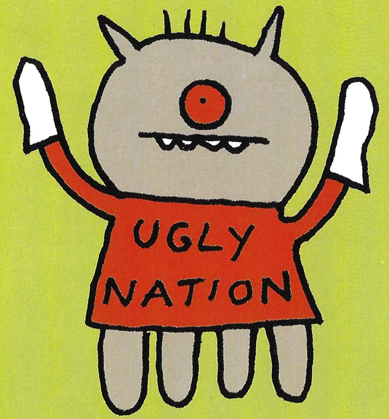

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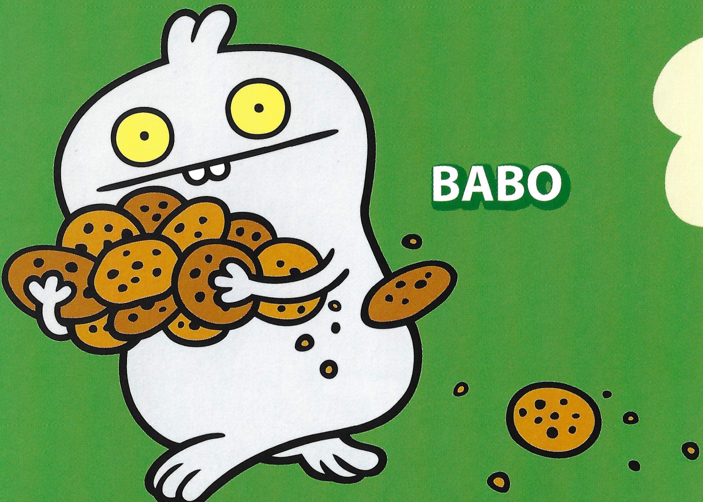

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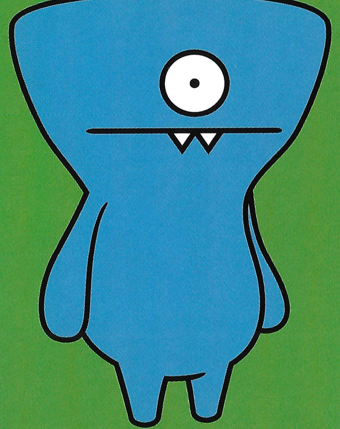

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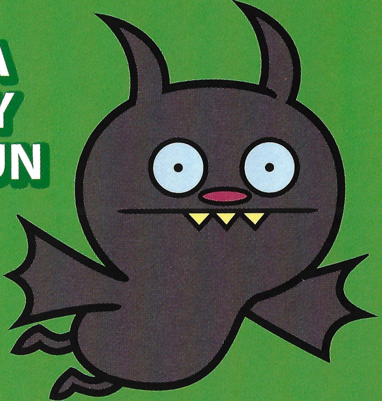

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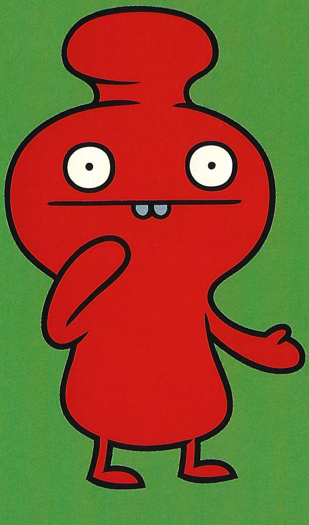

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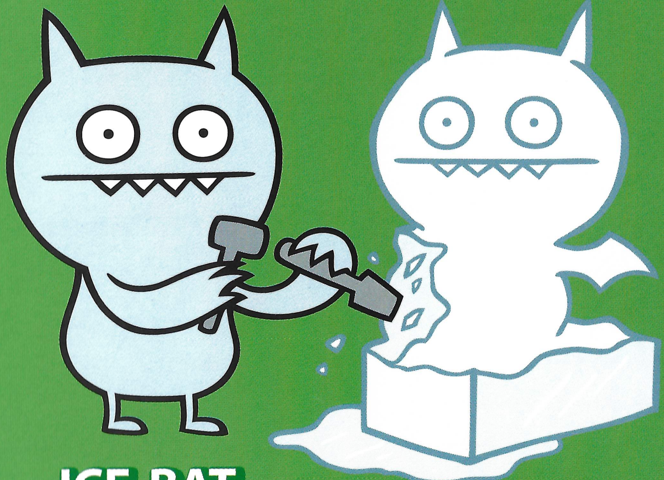

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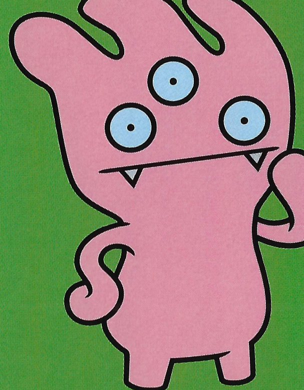

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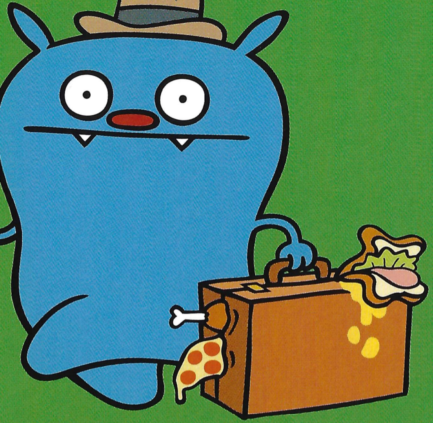

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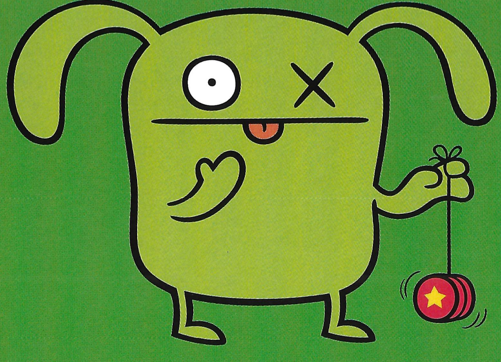

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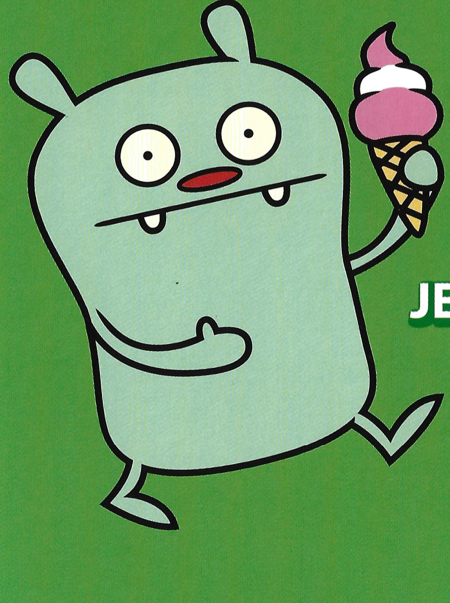

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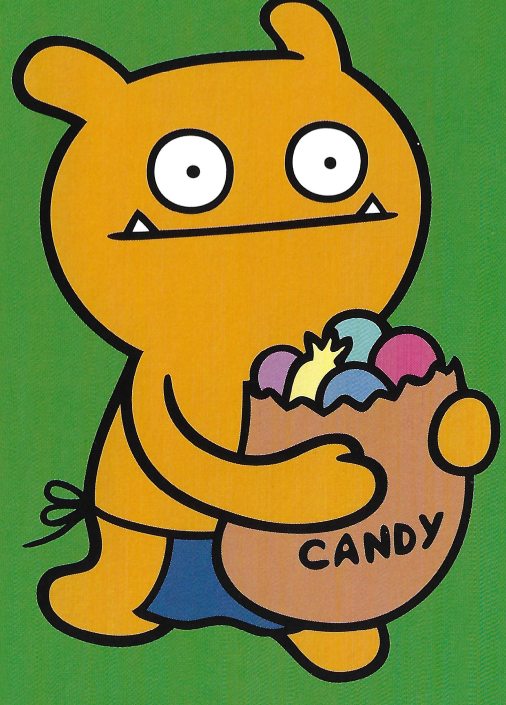

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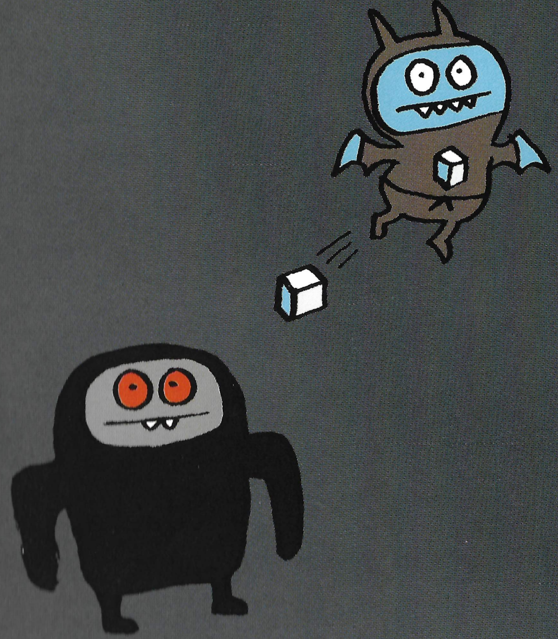
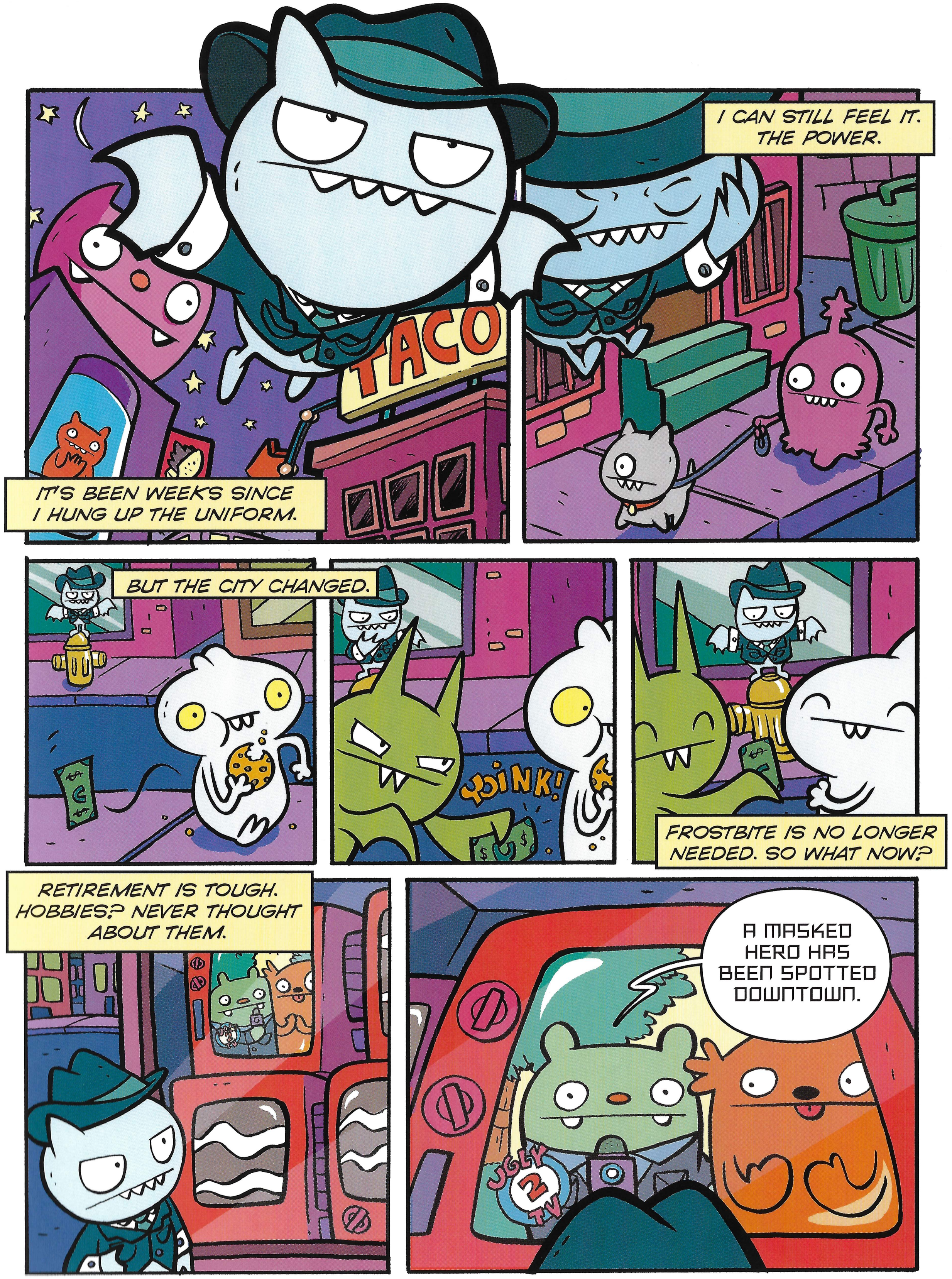
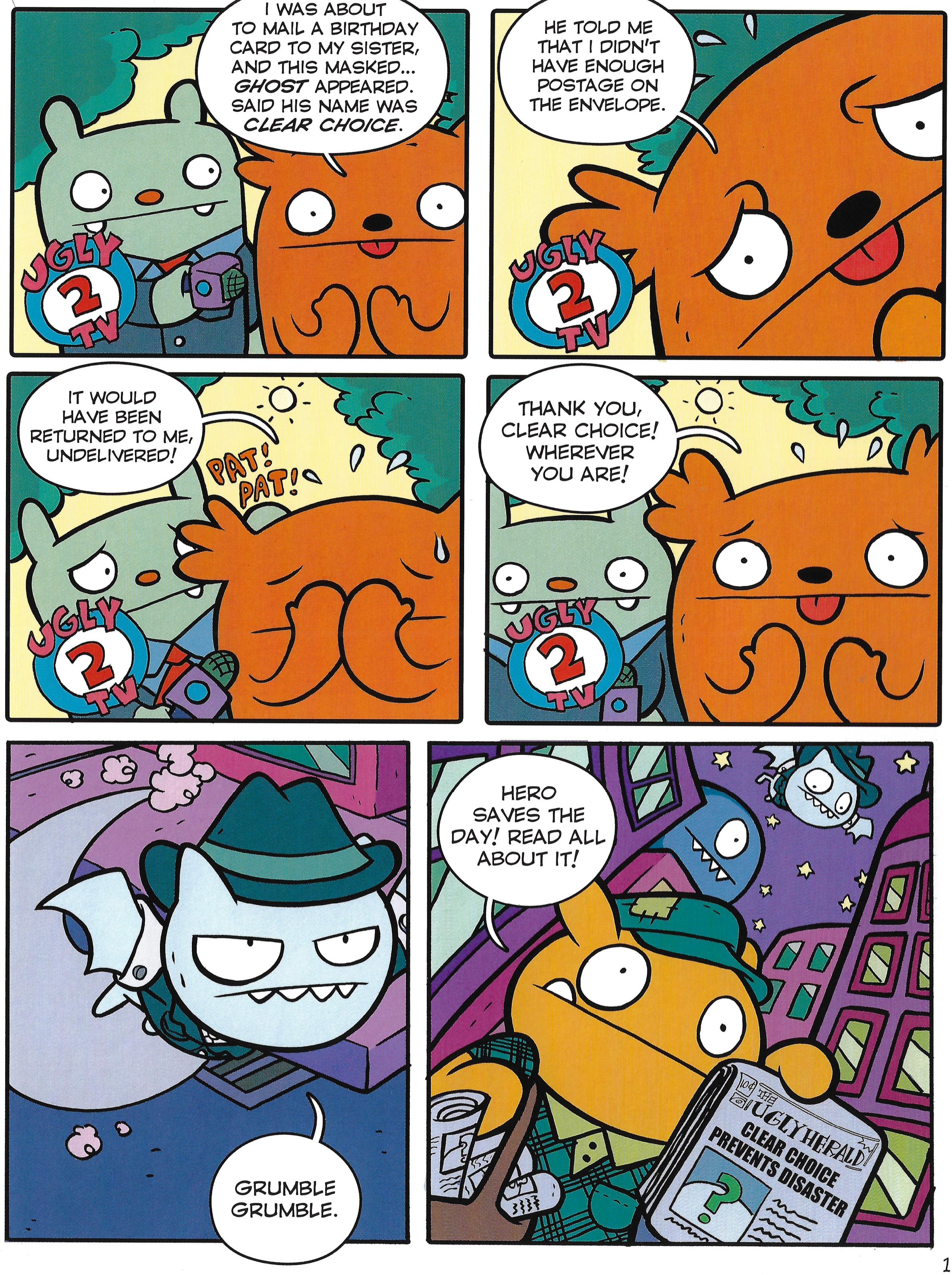
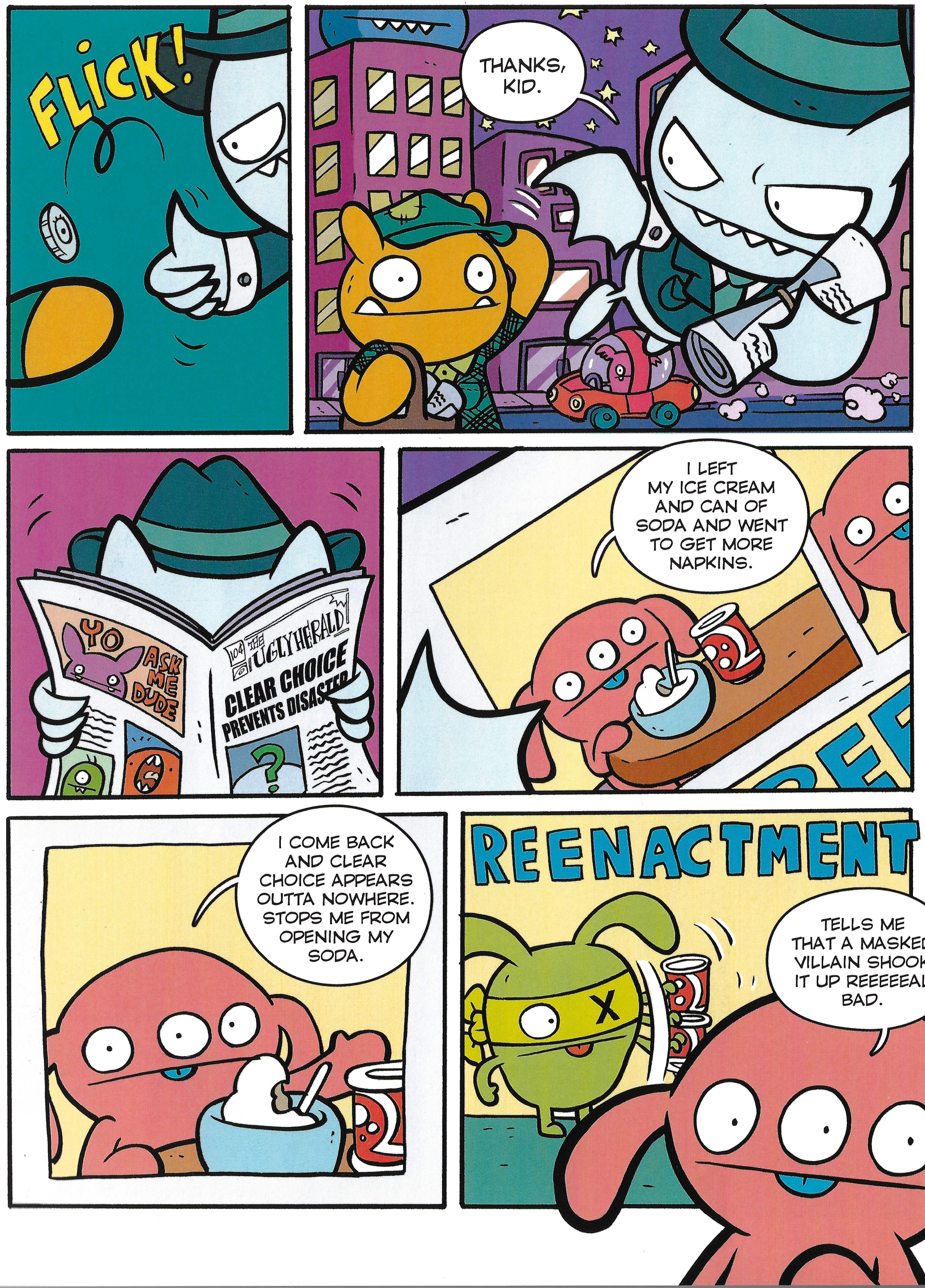


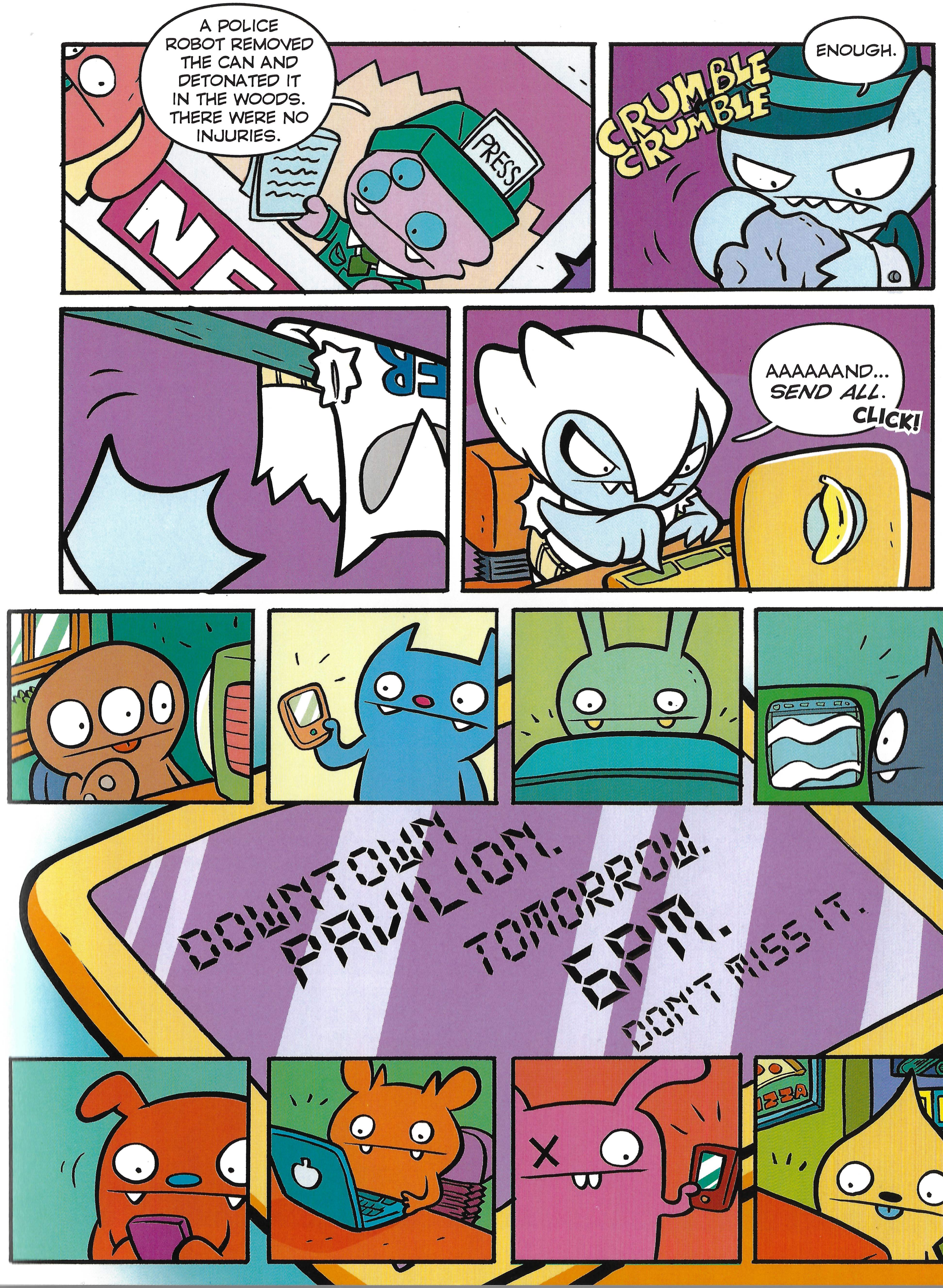
FROSTBITE RETURNS

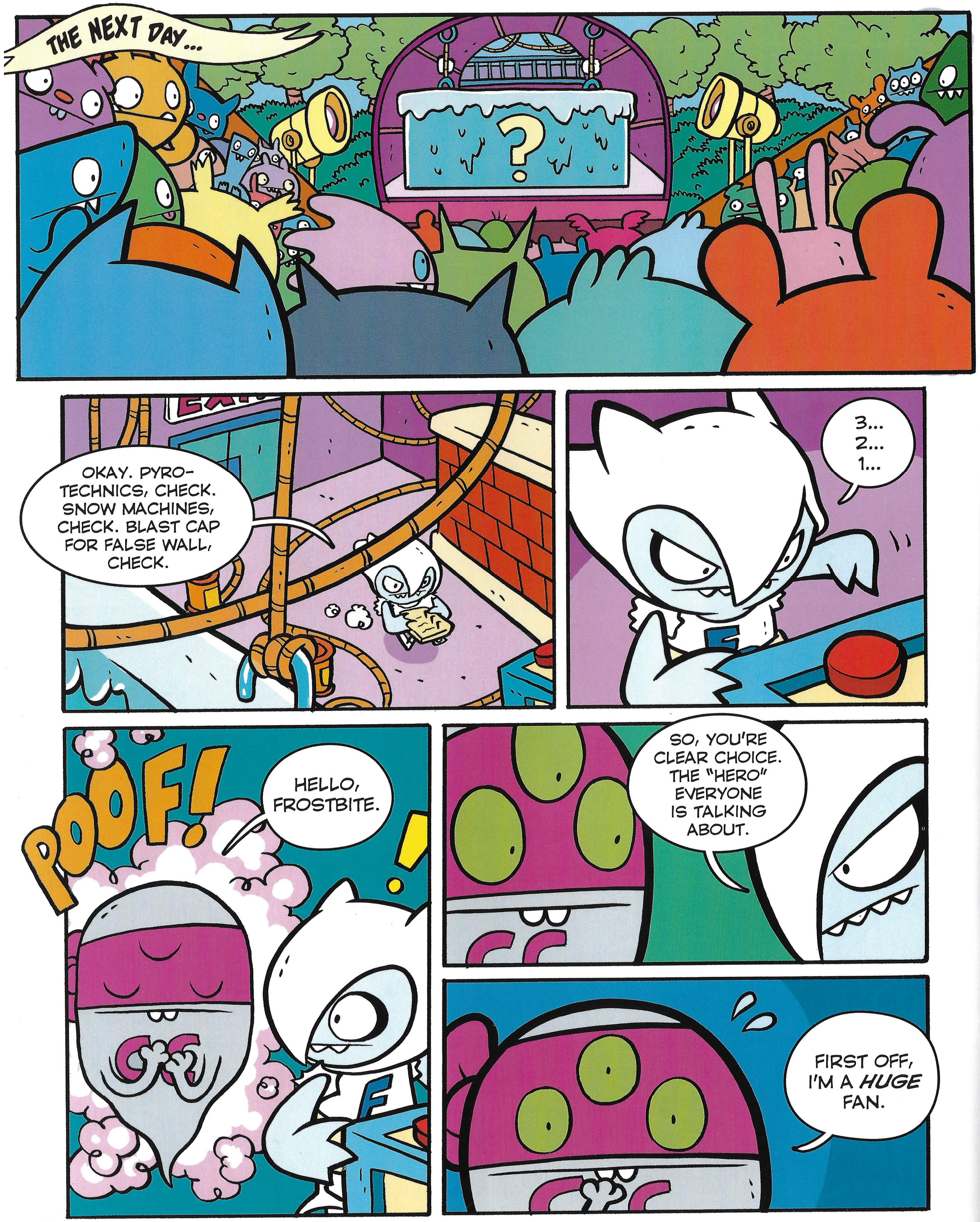
BRRRR COMIX

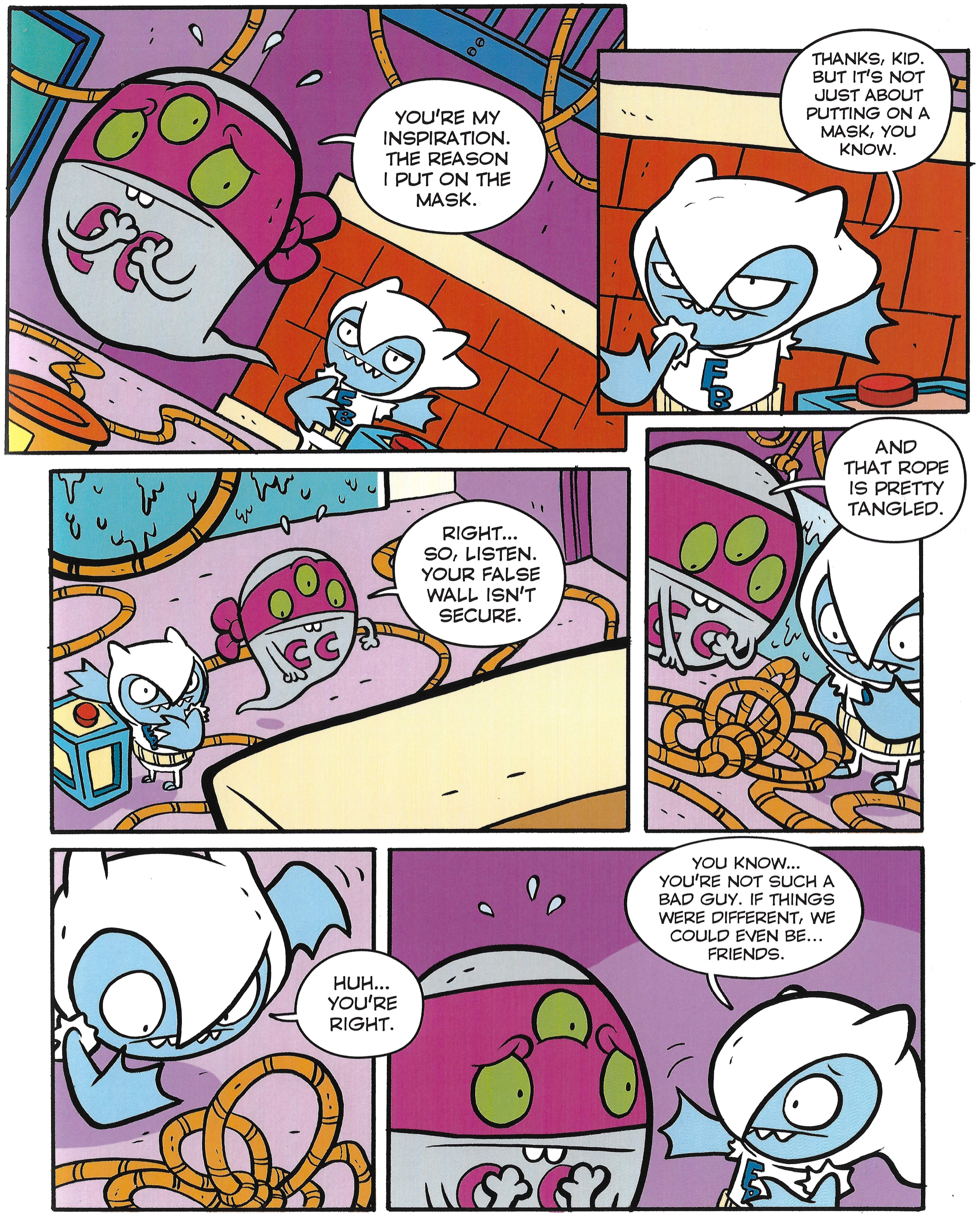

I CAN STILL FEEL IT. THE POWER.
TACO
IT'S BEEN WEEKS SINCE I HUNG UP THE UNIFORM.
BUT THE CITY CHANGED.
YOINK!
FROSTBITE IS NO LONGER NEEDED. SO WHAT NOW?
RETIREMENT IS TOUGH. HOBBIES? NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THEM.
A MASKED HERO HAS BEEN SPOTTED DOWNTOWN.
UGLY 2 TV

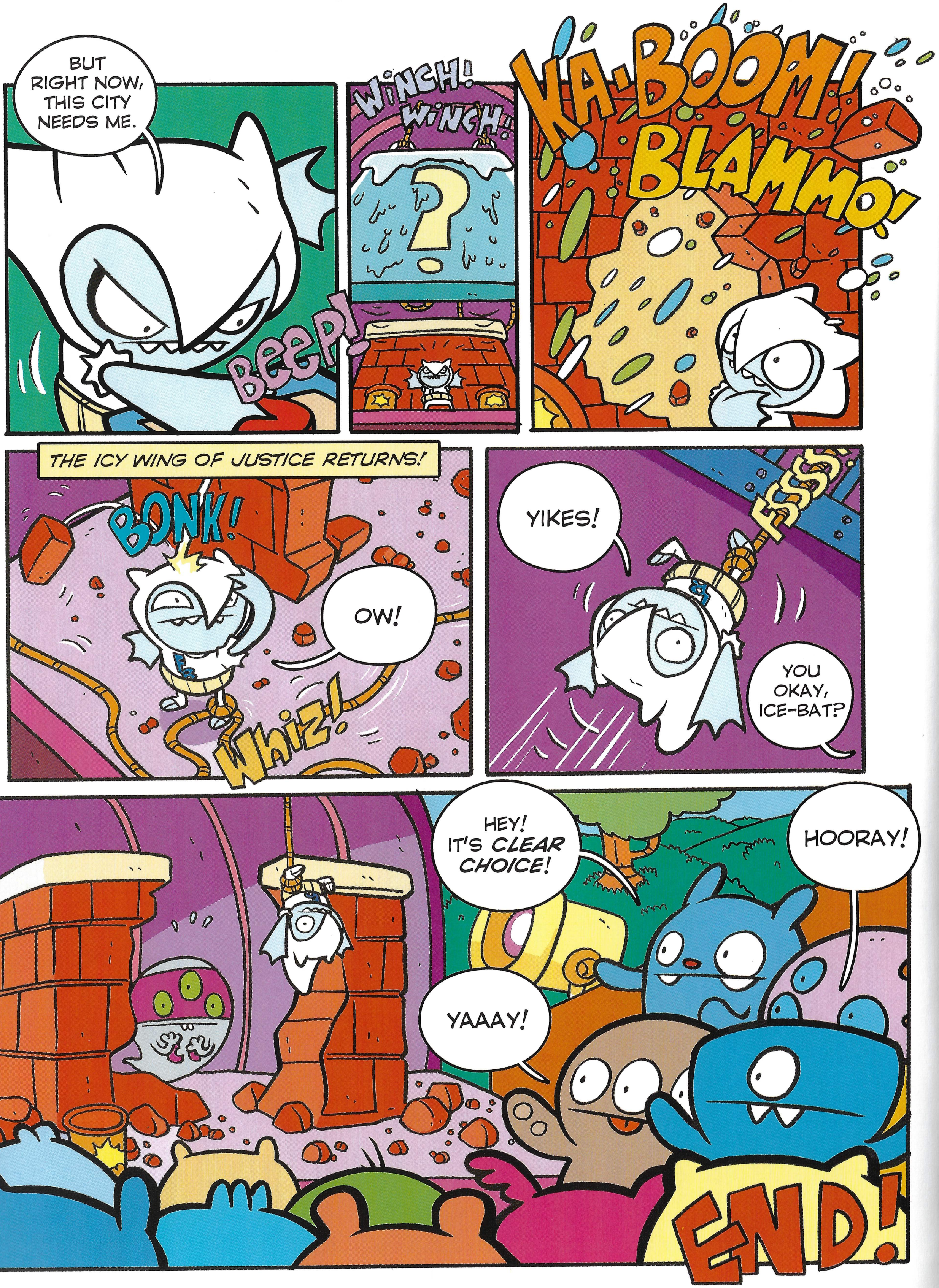

I WAS ABOUT TO MAIL A BIRTHDAY CARD TO MY SISTER, AND THIS MASKED... *GHOST* APPEARED. SAID HIS NAME WAS *CLEAR CHOICE*.
UGLY 2 TV
HE TOLD ME THAT I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POSTAGE ON THE ENVELOPE.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO ME, UNDELIVERED!
PAT! PAT!
THANK YOU, CLEAR CHOICE! WHEREVER YOU ARE!
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE.
HERO SAVES THE DAY! READ ALL ABOUT IT!
THE UGLY HERALD
CLEAR CHOICE PREVENTS DISASTER

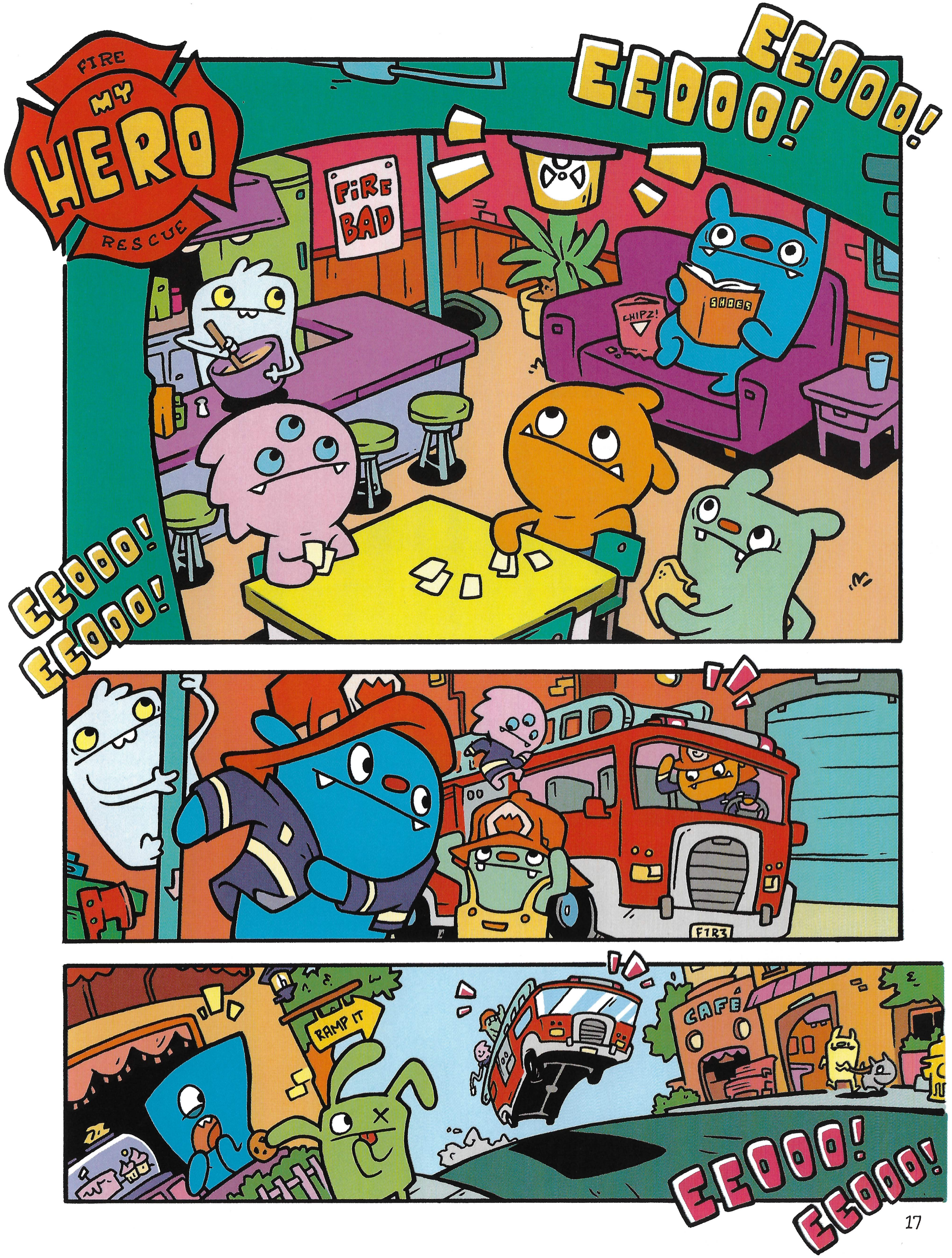

FLICK!
THANKS, KID.
YO ASK ME DUDE
THE UGLY HERALD
CLEAR CHOICE PREVENTS DISAST
I LEFT MY ICE CREAM AND CAN OF SODA AND WENT TO GET MORE NAPKINS.
I COME BACK AND CLEAR CHOICE APPEARS OUTTA NOWHERE. STOPS ME FROM OPENING MY SODA.
REENACTMENT
TELLS ME THAT A MASKED VILLAIN SHOOK IT UP REEEEEAL BAD.

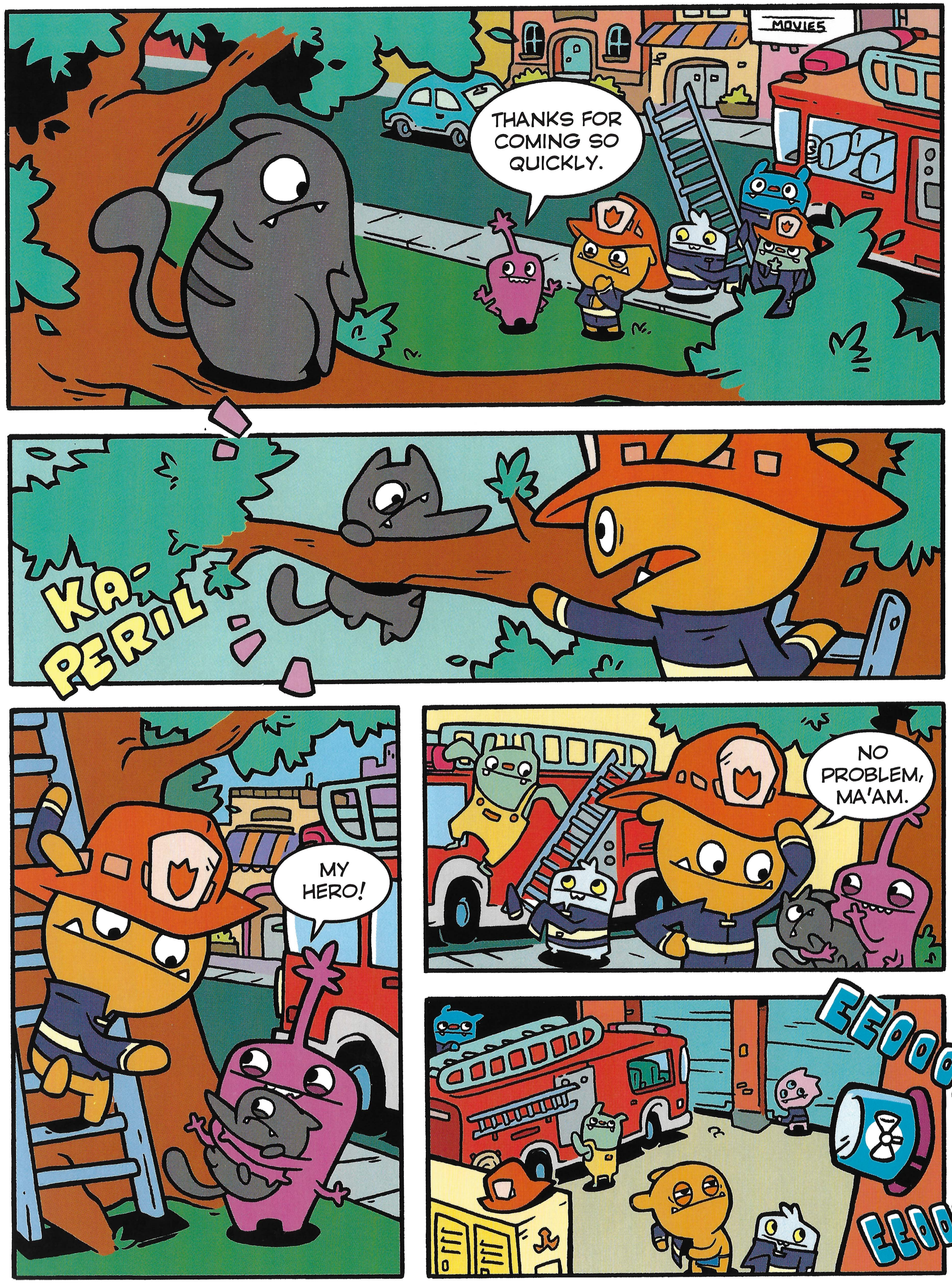

A POLICE ROBOT REMOVED THE CAN AND DETONATED IT IN THE WOODS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.
PRESS
CRUMBLE CRUMBLE
ENOUGH.
AAAAAAND... SEND ALL.
CLICK!
DOWNTOWN PAVILION. TOMORROW. 6PM. DON'T MISS IT.

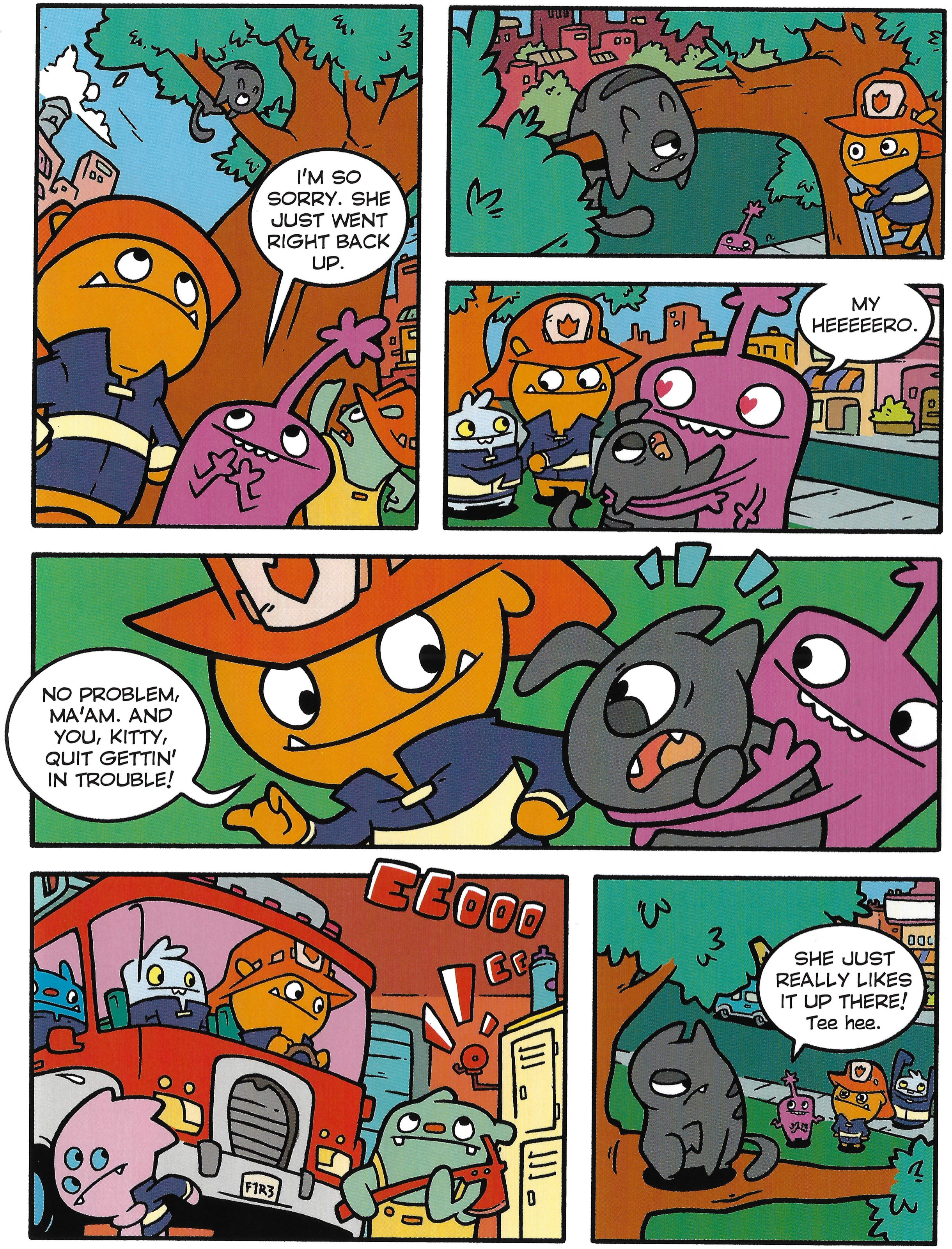

THE NEXT DAY...
OKAY. PYROTECHNICS, CHECK. SNOW MACHINES, CHECK. BLAST CAP FOR FALSE WALL, CHECK.
3... 2... 1...
POOF!
HELLO, FROSTBITE.
!
SO, YOU'RE CLEAR CHOICE. THE "HERO" EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.
FIRST OFF, I'M A *HUGE* FAN.

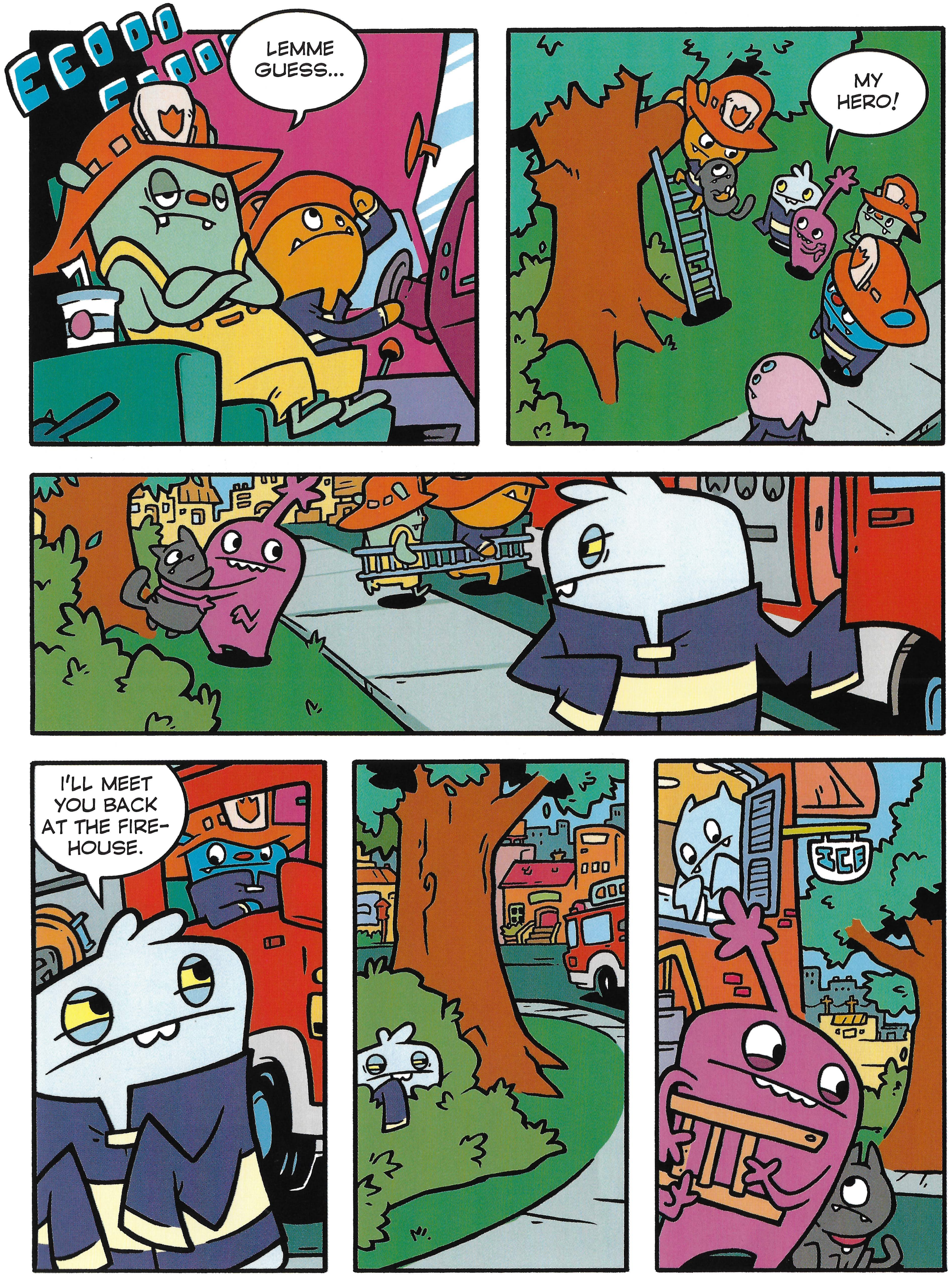

YOU'RE MY INSPIRATION. THE REASON I PUT ON THE MASK.
THANKS, KID. BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT PUTTING ON A MASK, YOU KNOW.
RIGHT... SO, LISTEN. YOUR FALSE WALL ISN'T SECURE.
AND THAT ROPE IS PRETTY TANGLED.
HUH... YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU KNOW... YOU'RE NOT SUCH A BAD GUY. IF THINGS WERE DIFFERENT, WE COULD EVEN BE... FRIENDS.

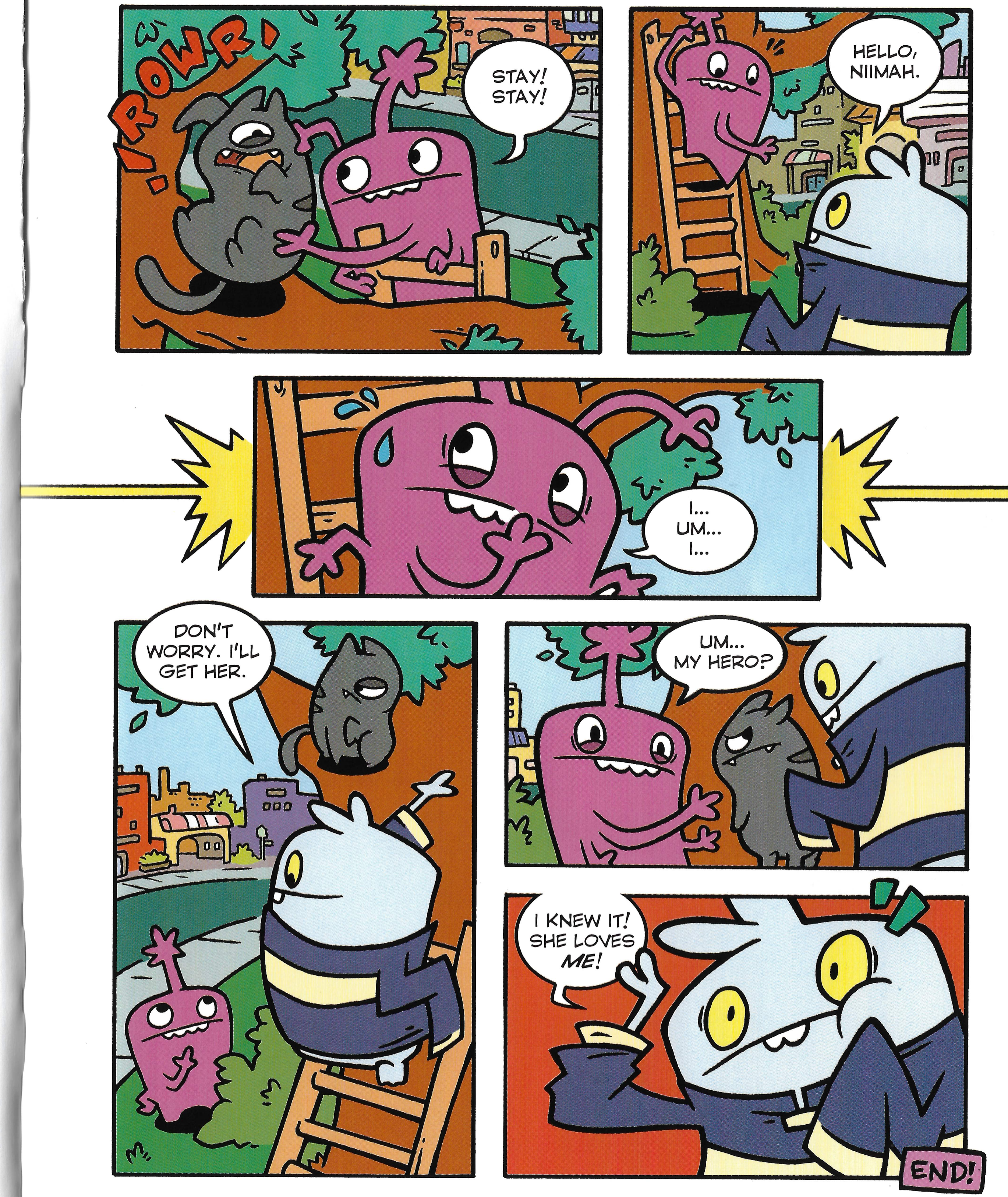

BUT RIGHT NOW, THIS CITY NEEDS ME.
BEEP!
WINCH! WINCH!
KA-BOOM! BLAMMO!
THE ICY WING OF JUSTICE RETURNS!
BONK!
OW!
WHIZ!
FSSS!
YIKES!
YOU OKAY, ICE-BAT?
HEY! IT'S *CLEAR CHOICE*!
HOORAY!
YAAAY!
END!

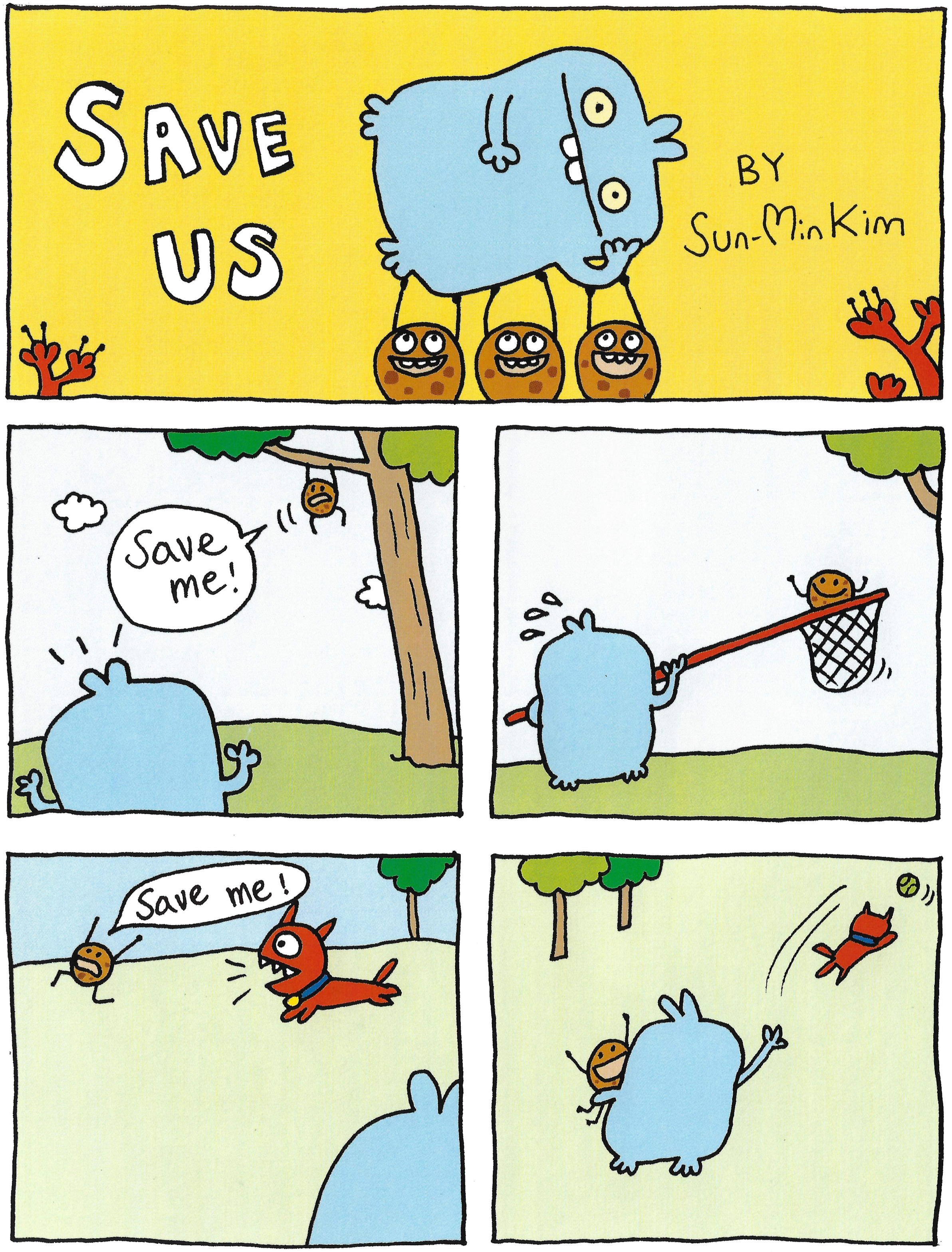

FIRE
MY
HERO
RESCUE
EEOOO! EEOOO!
FIRE BAD
SHOES
CHIPZ!
EEOOO! EEOOO!
FTR3
RAMP IT
CAFE
EEOOO! EEOOO!

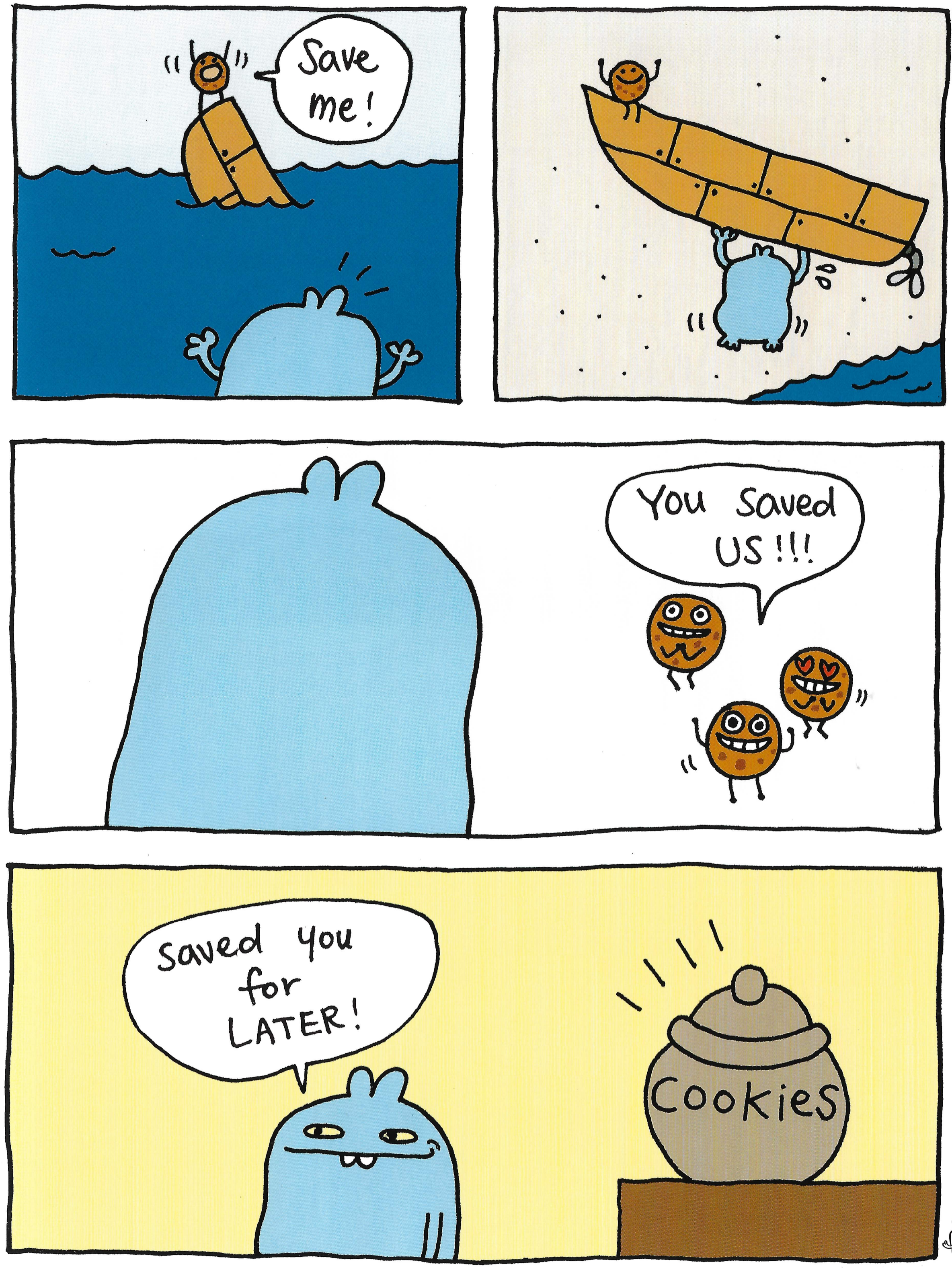

MOVIES
THANKS FOR COMING SO QUICKLY.
KA-PERIL
MY HERO!
NO PROBLEM, MA'AM.
EEOOO!
EEOOO!


I'M SO SORRY. SHE JUST WENT RIGHT BACK UP.
MY HEEEEERO.
NO PROBLEM, MA'AM. AND YOU, KITTY, QUIT GETTIN' IN TROUBLE!
EEOOO
EE
F1R3
SHE JUST REALLY LIKES IT UP THERE! Tee hee.

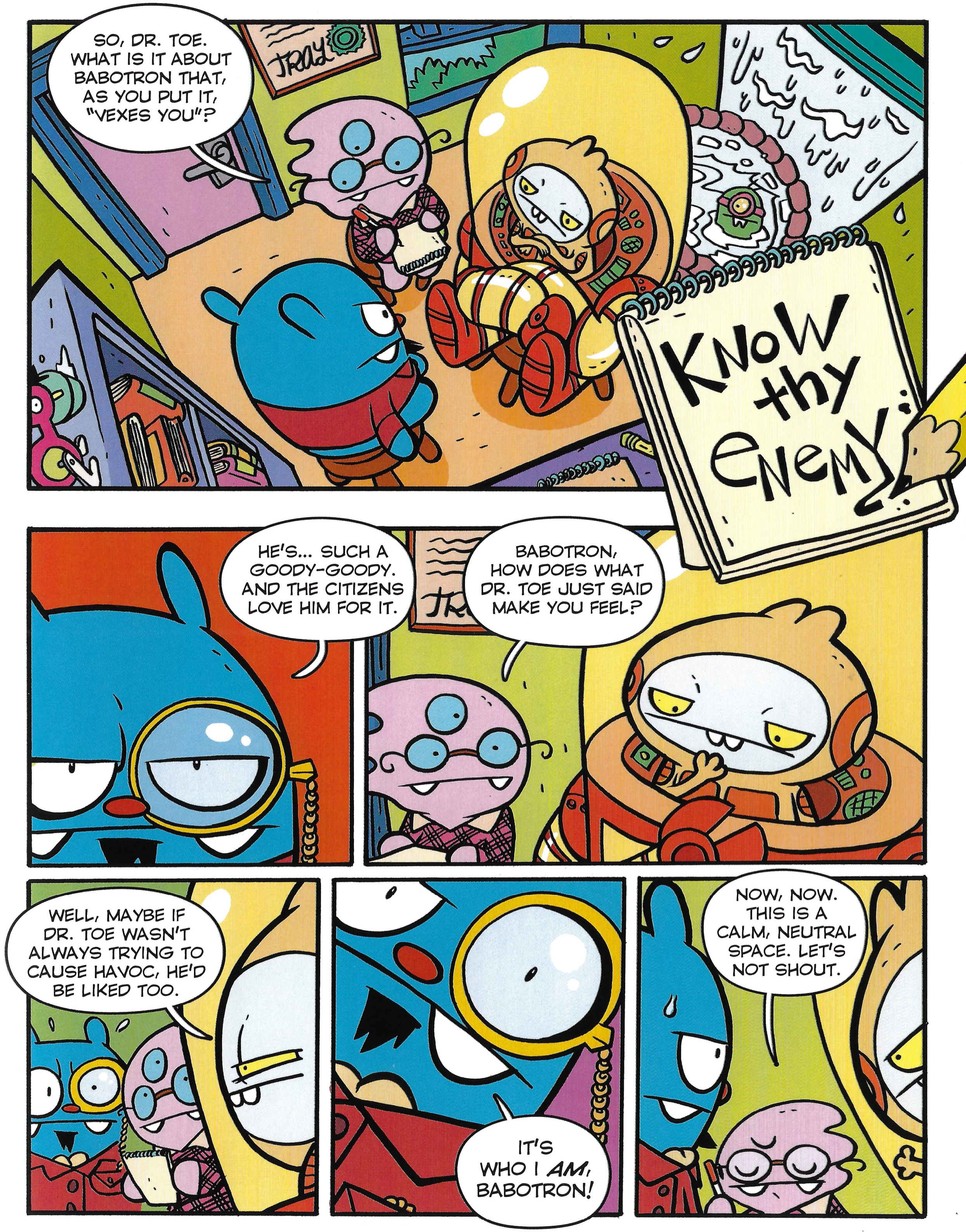

EEOOO EEOOO
LEMME GUESS...
MY HERO!
I'LL MEET YOU BACK AT THE FIRE-HOUSE.

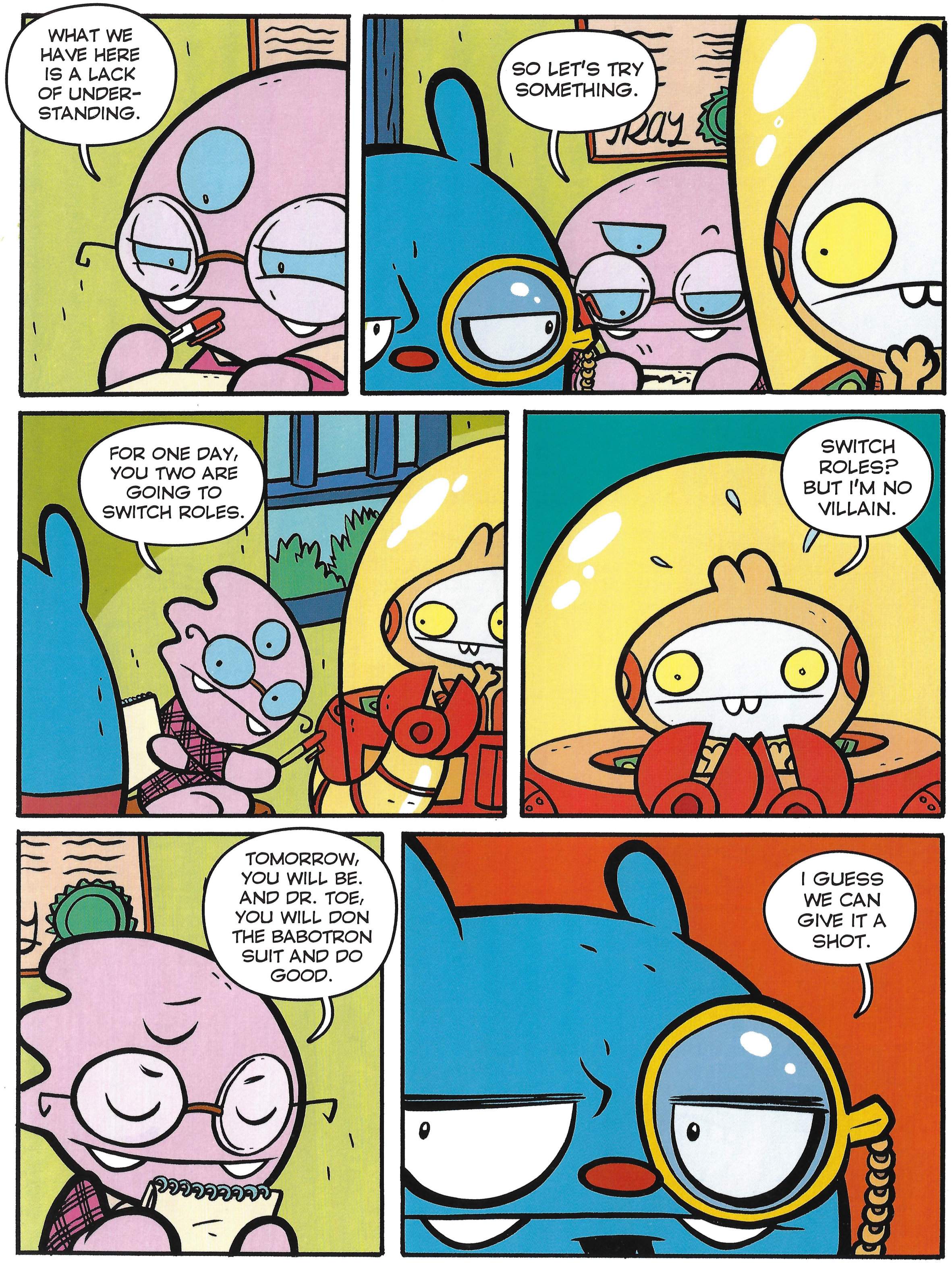

ROWR!
STAY! STAY!
HELLO, NIIMAH.
I... UM... I...
DON'T WORRY. I'LL GET HER.
UM... MY HERO?
I KNEW IT! SHE LOVES *ME!*
END!

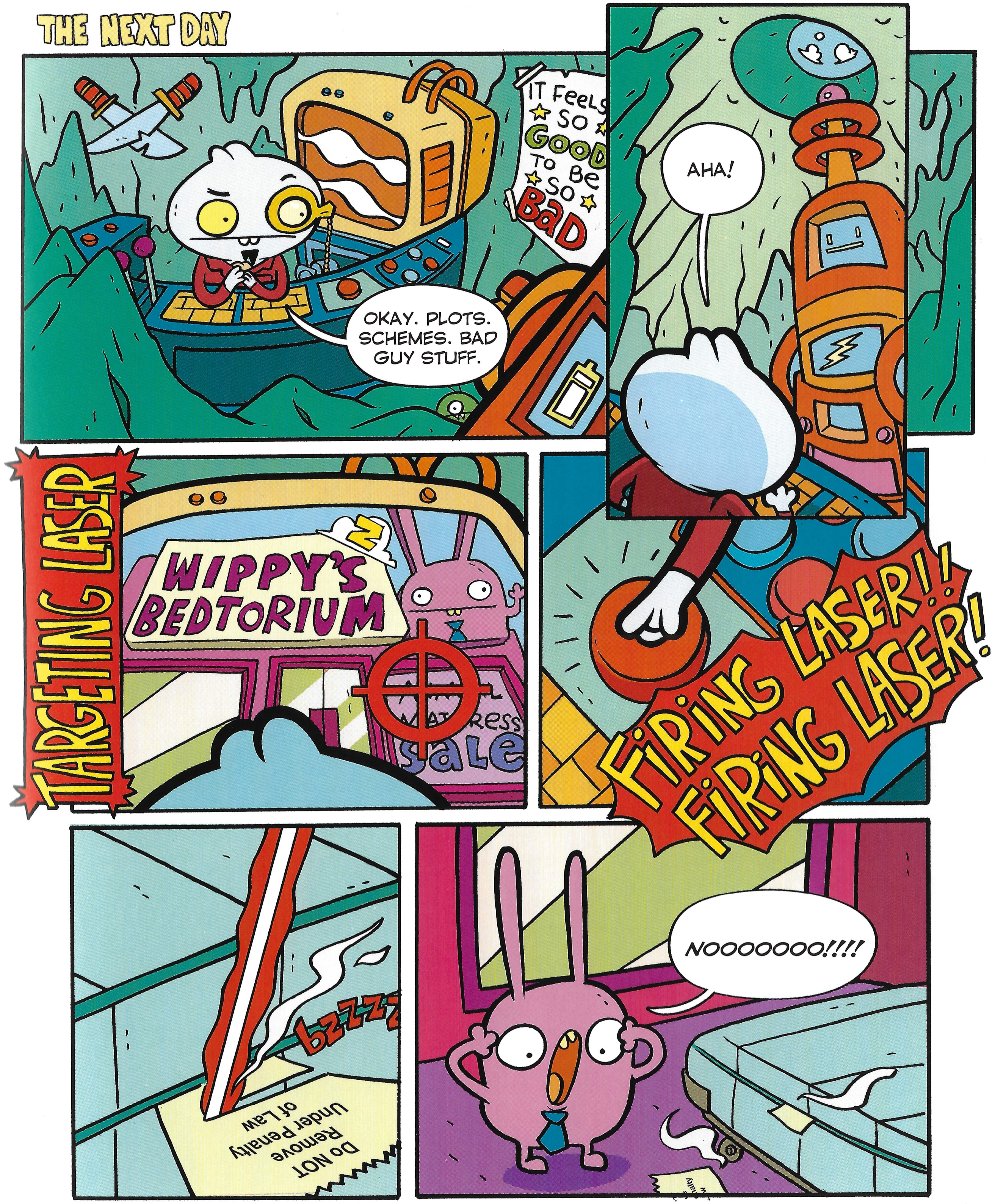

SAVE US
BY Sun-Min Kim
Save me!
Save me!

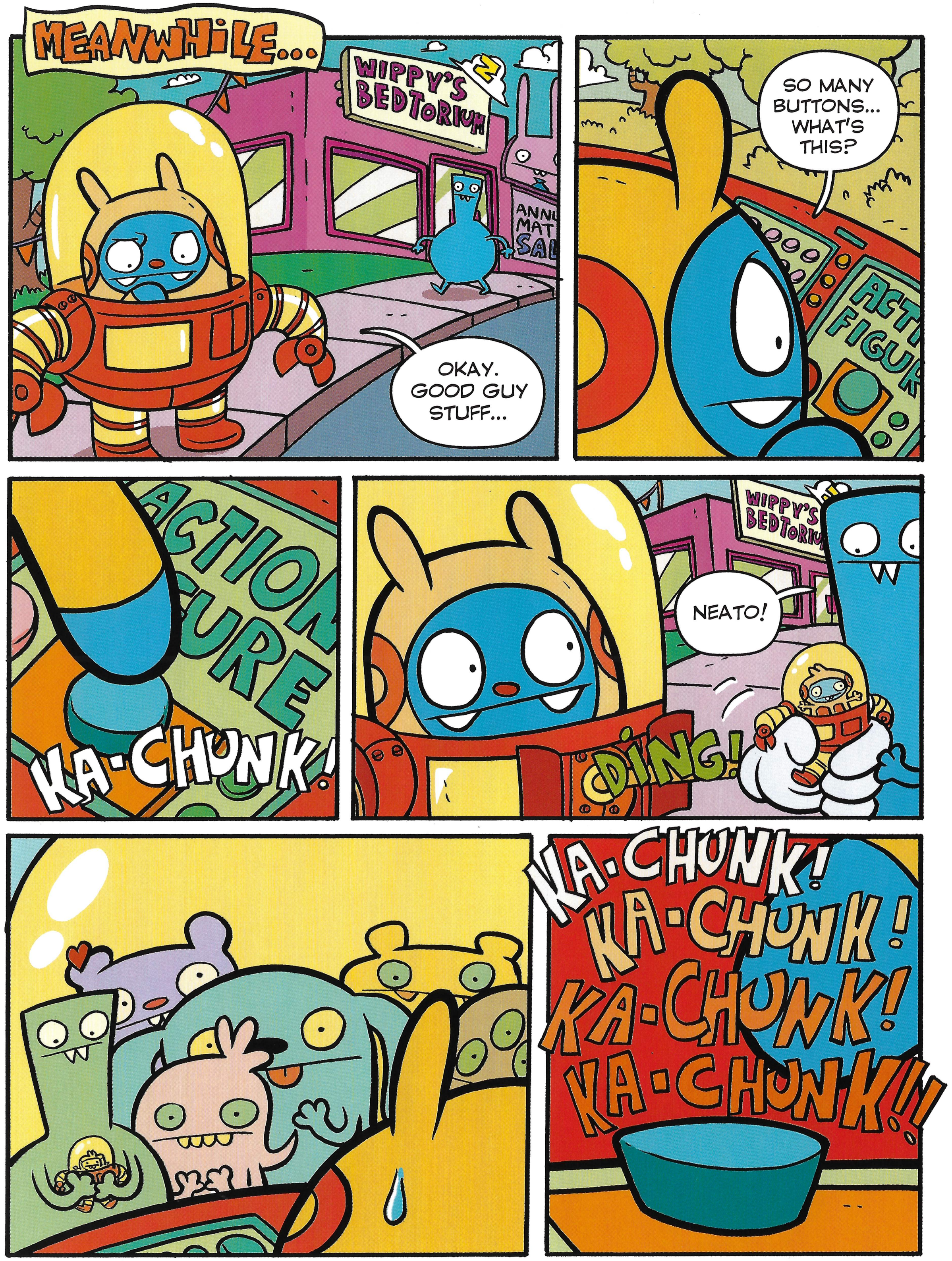

Save me!
You saved US!!!
Saved you for LATER!
Cookies
Sun Min David

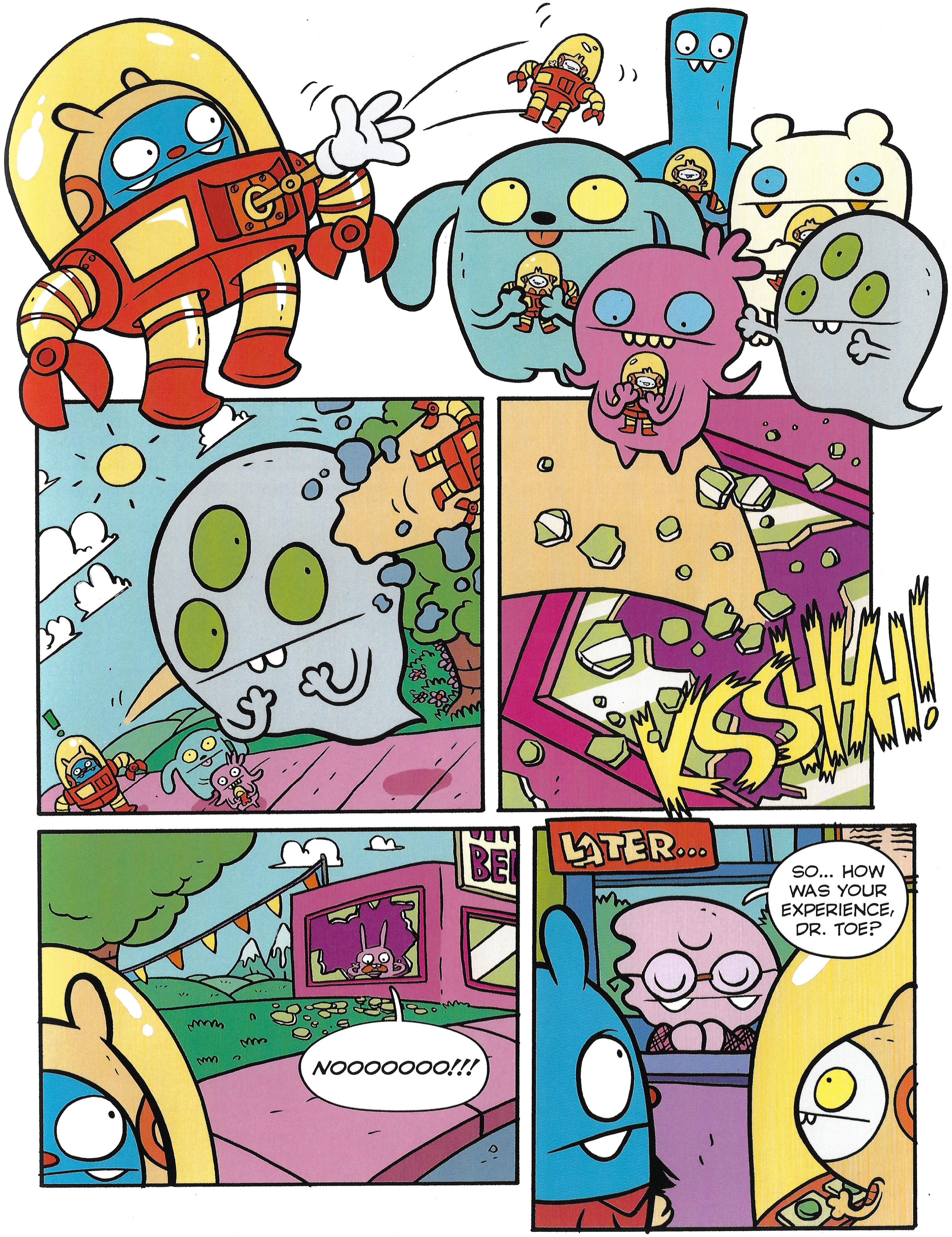
I AIN'T PAYIN'
TAX MAN

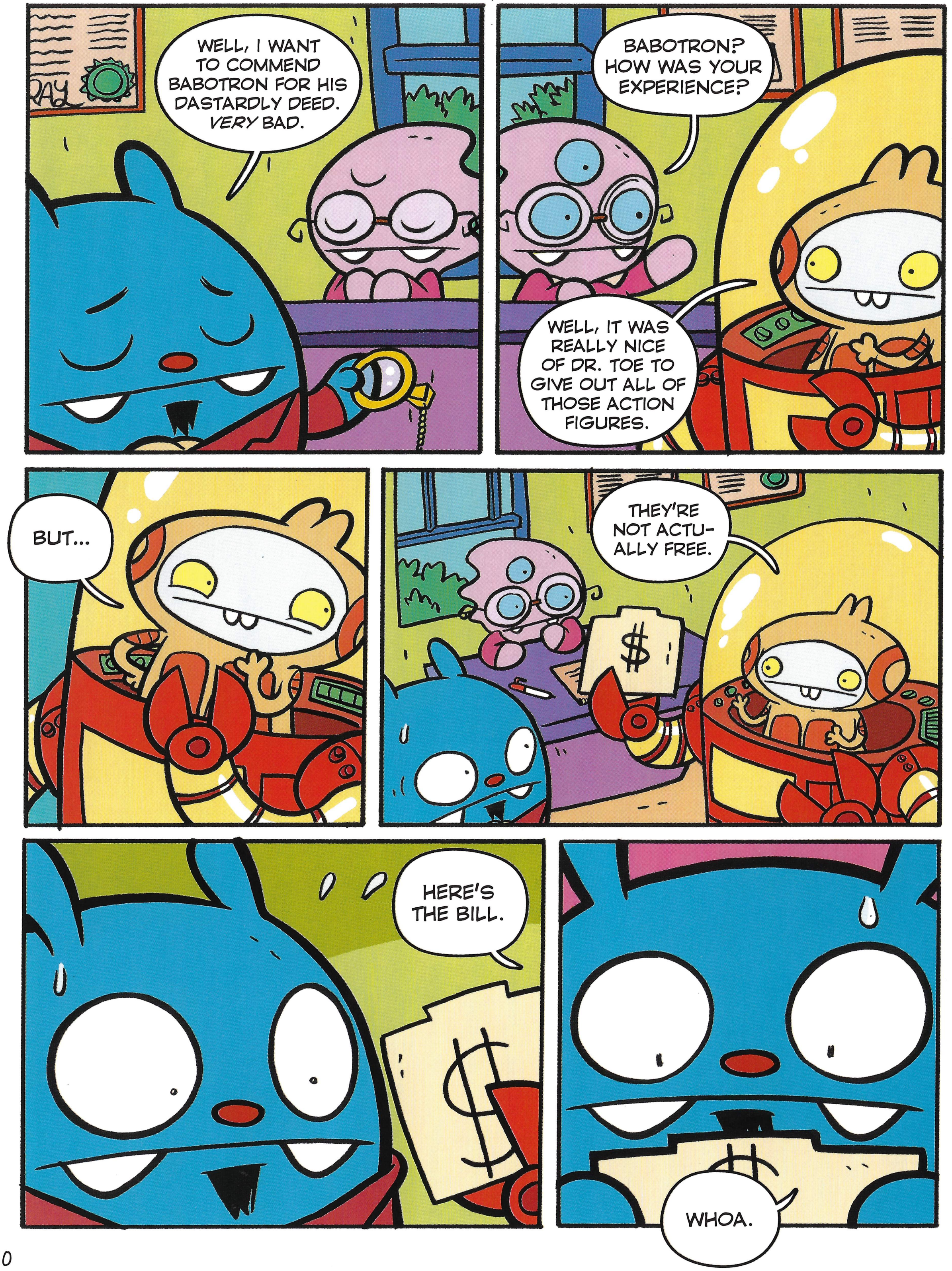

SO, DR. TOE. WHAT IS IT ABOUT BABOTRON THAT, AS YOU PUT IT, "VEXES YOU"?
TROY
KNOW thy ENEMY
HE'S... SUCH A GOODY-GOODY. AND THE CITIZENS LOVE HIM FOR IT.
BABOTRON, HOW DOES WHAT DR. TOE JUST SAID MAKE YOU FEEL?
WELL, MAYBE IF DR. TOE WASN'T ALWAYS TRYING TO CAUSE HAVOC, HE'D BE LIKED TOO.
IT'S WHO I *AM*, BABOTRON!
NOW, NOW. THIS IS A CALM, NEUTRAL SPACE. LET'S NOT SHOUT.

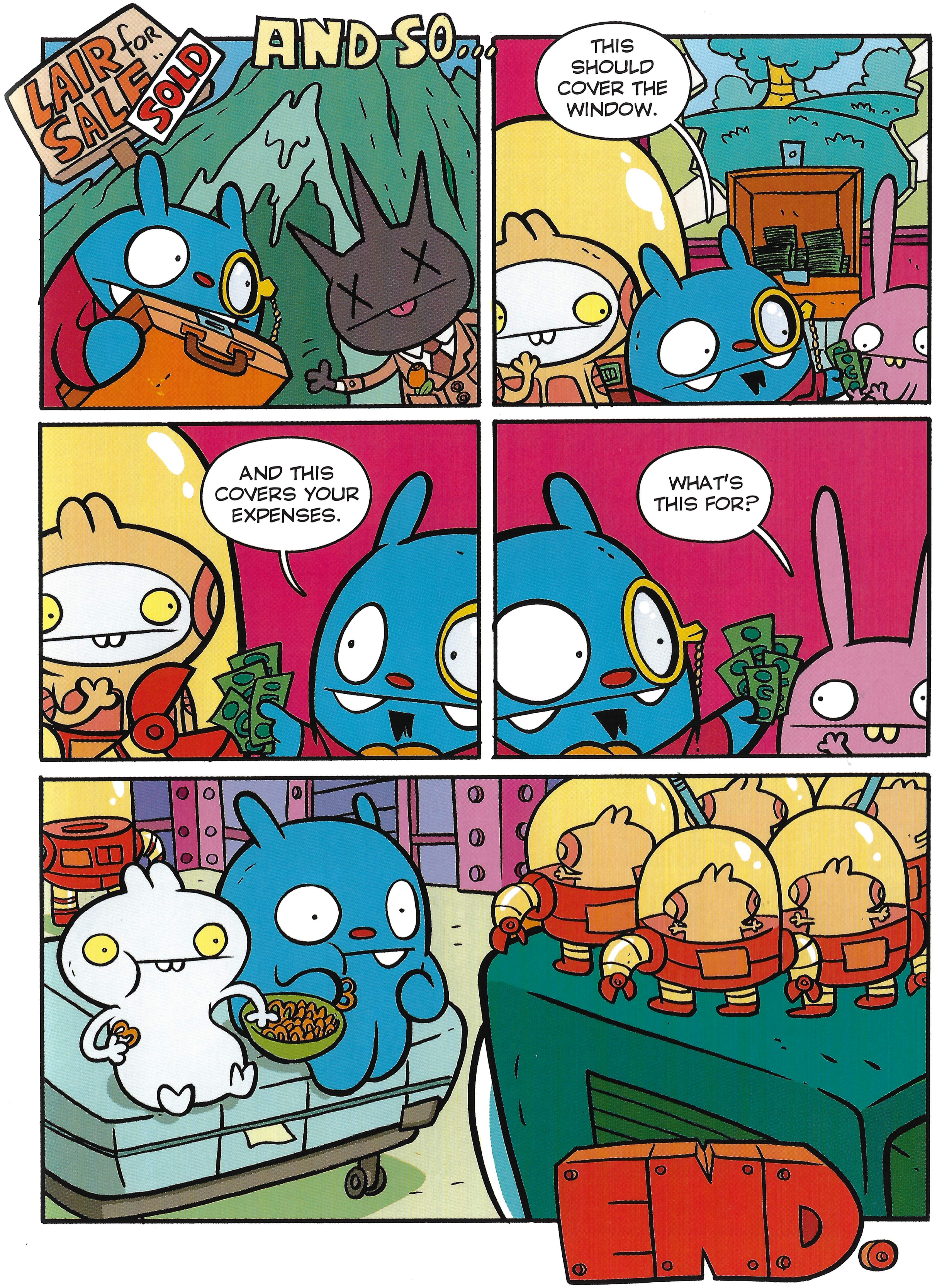

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING.
TRAY
SO LET'S TRY SOMETHING.
FOR ONE DAY, YOU TWO ARE GOING TO SWITCH ROLES.
SWITCH ROLES? BUT I'M NO VILLAIN.
TOMORROW, YOU WILL BE. AND DR. TOE, YOU WILL DON THE BABOTRON SUIT AND DO GOOD.
I GUESS WE CAN GIVE IT A SHOT.


THE NEXT DAY
IT Feels SO GOOD To Be SO BAD
OKAY. PLOTS. SCHEMES. BAD GUY STUFF.
AHA!
TARGETING LASER
WIPPY'S BEDTORIUM
MATTRESS sale
FIRING LASER!! FIRING LASER!
bzzzz
Do NOT Remove Under Penalty of Law
NOOOOOOO!!!!

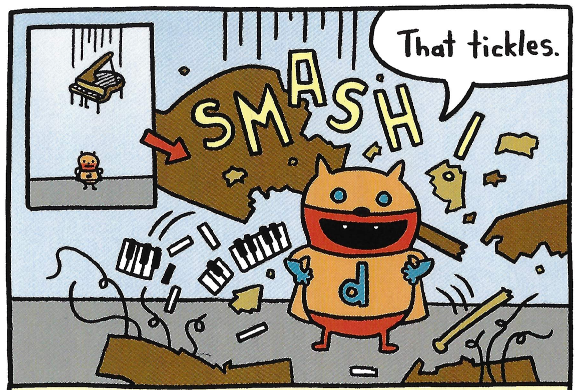

MEANWHILE...
WIPPY'S BEDTORIUM
ANNU MAT SAL
OKAY. GOOD GUY STUFF...
SO MANY BUTTONS... WHAT'S THIS?
ACTI FIGUR
ACTION FIGURE
KA-CHUNK!
WIPPY'S BEDTORIU
NEATO!
DING!
KA-CHUNK!
KA-CHUNK!
KA-CHUNK!
KA-CHUNK!!!


!
KSSHH!
BE
NOOOOOOO!!!
LATER...
SO... HOW WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE, DR. TOE?


WELL, I WANT TO COMMEND BABOTRON FOR HIS DASTARDLY DEED. *VERY* BAD.
BABOTRON? HOW WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE?
WELL, IT WAS REALLY NICE OF DR. TOE TO GIVE OUT ALL OF THOSE ACTION FIGURES.
BUT...
THEY'RE NOT ACTUALLY FREE.
HERE'S THE BILL.
WHOA.


LAIR for SALE
SOLD
AND SO...
THIS SHOULD COVER THE WINDOW.
AND THIS COVERS YOUR EXPENSES.
WHAT'S THIS FOR?
END.

The Twelve Heroic Types


That tickles.
SMASH!
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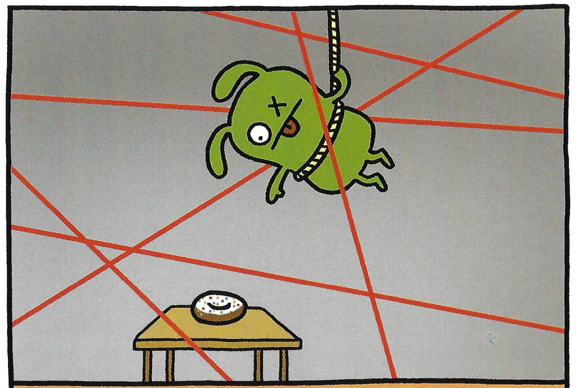
The Sooper Hero



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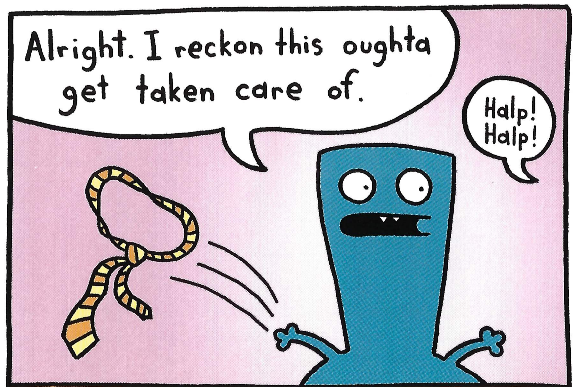
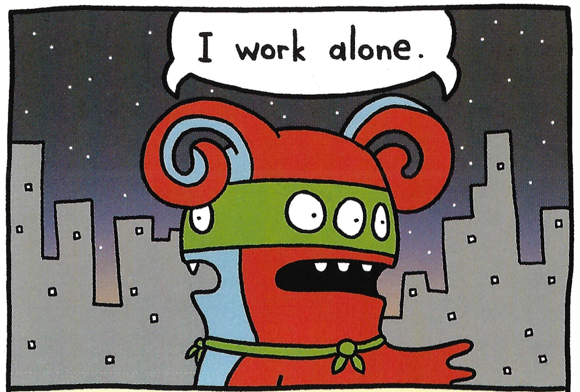
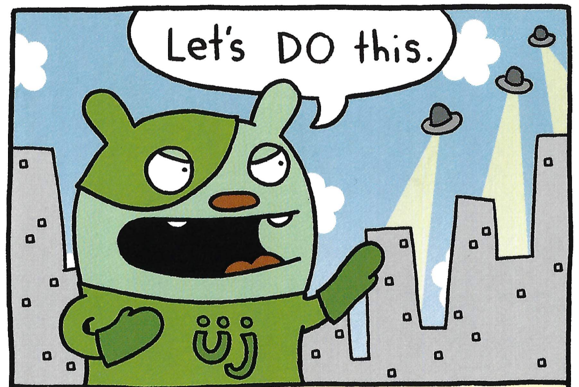

Alright. I reckon this oughta get taken care of.
Halp! Halp!

The Everydude (or Ladydude)


I work alone.

The Lone Wolf


Let's DO this.
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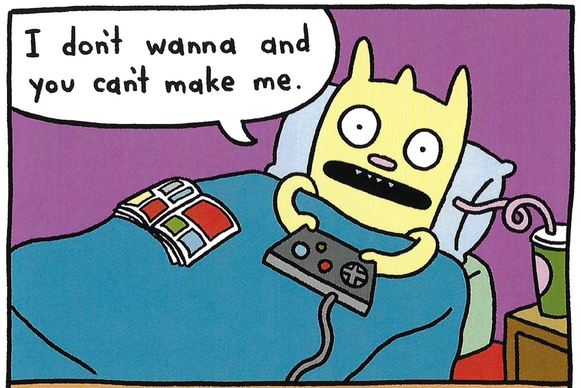
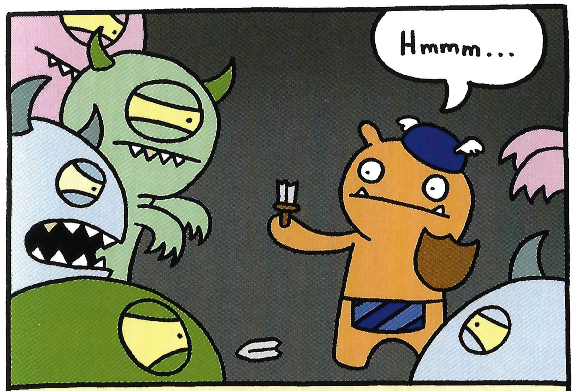
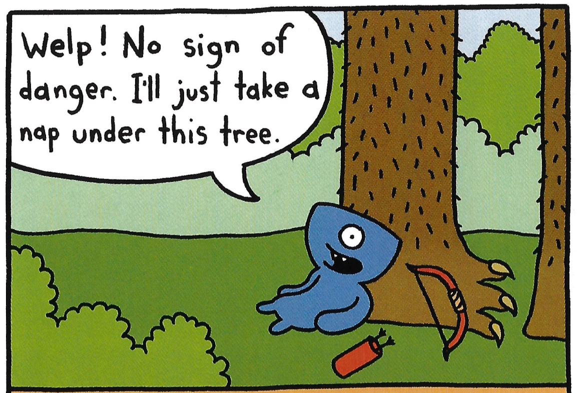
The Go-For-It Hero


I don't wanna and you can't make me.

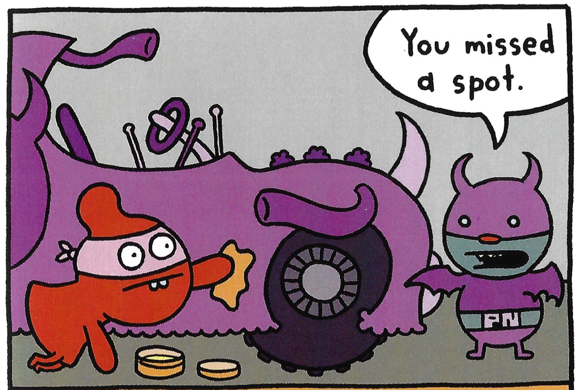
The Reluctant Hero



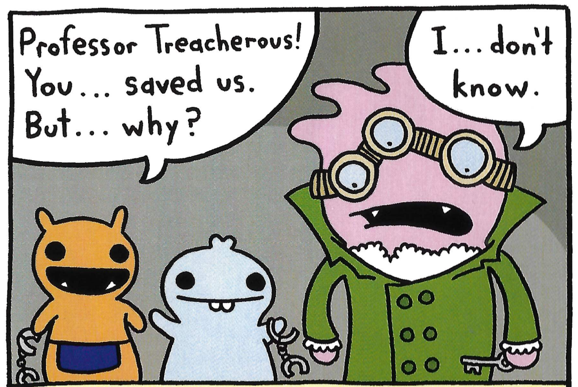
The Tragic Hero


Welp! No sign of danger. I'll just take a nap under this tree.

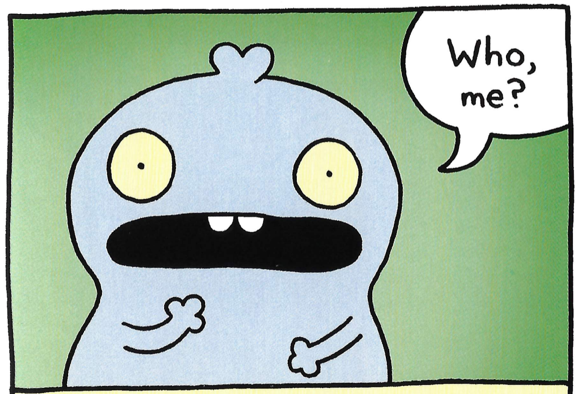
The Comedic Hero


You missed a spot.
FN

The Sidekick


Professor Treacherous! You... saved us. But... why?
I... don't know.

The Converted Hero



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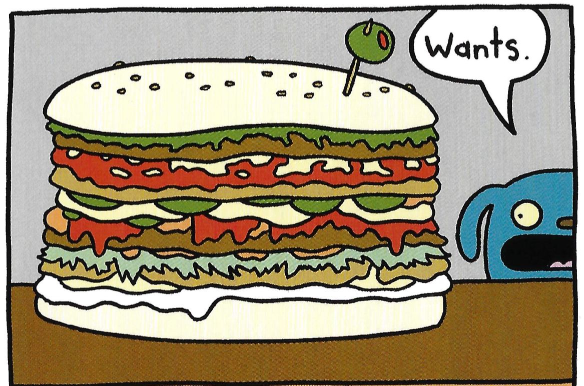
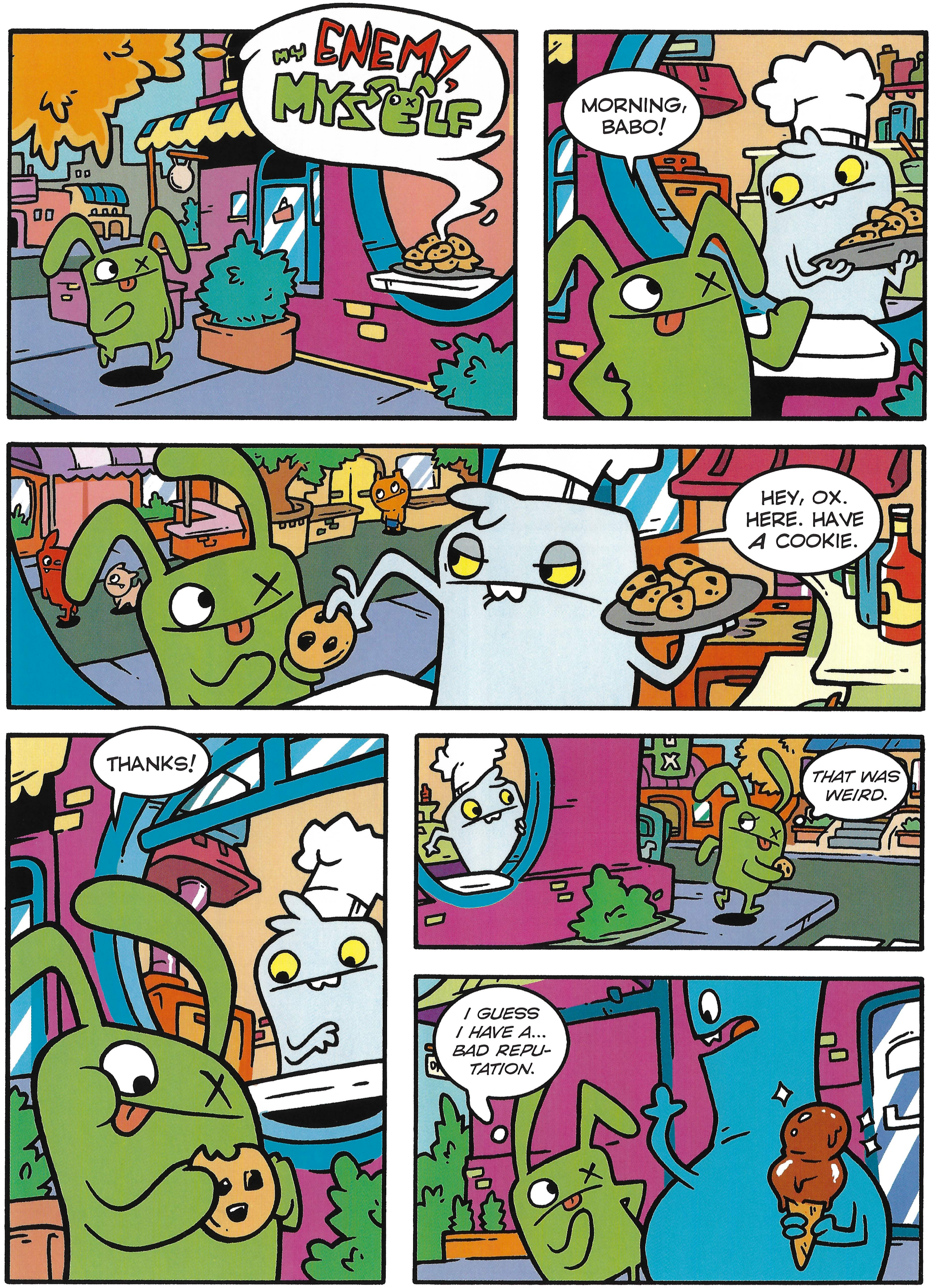
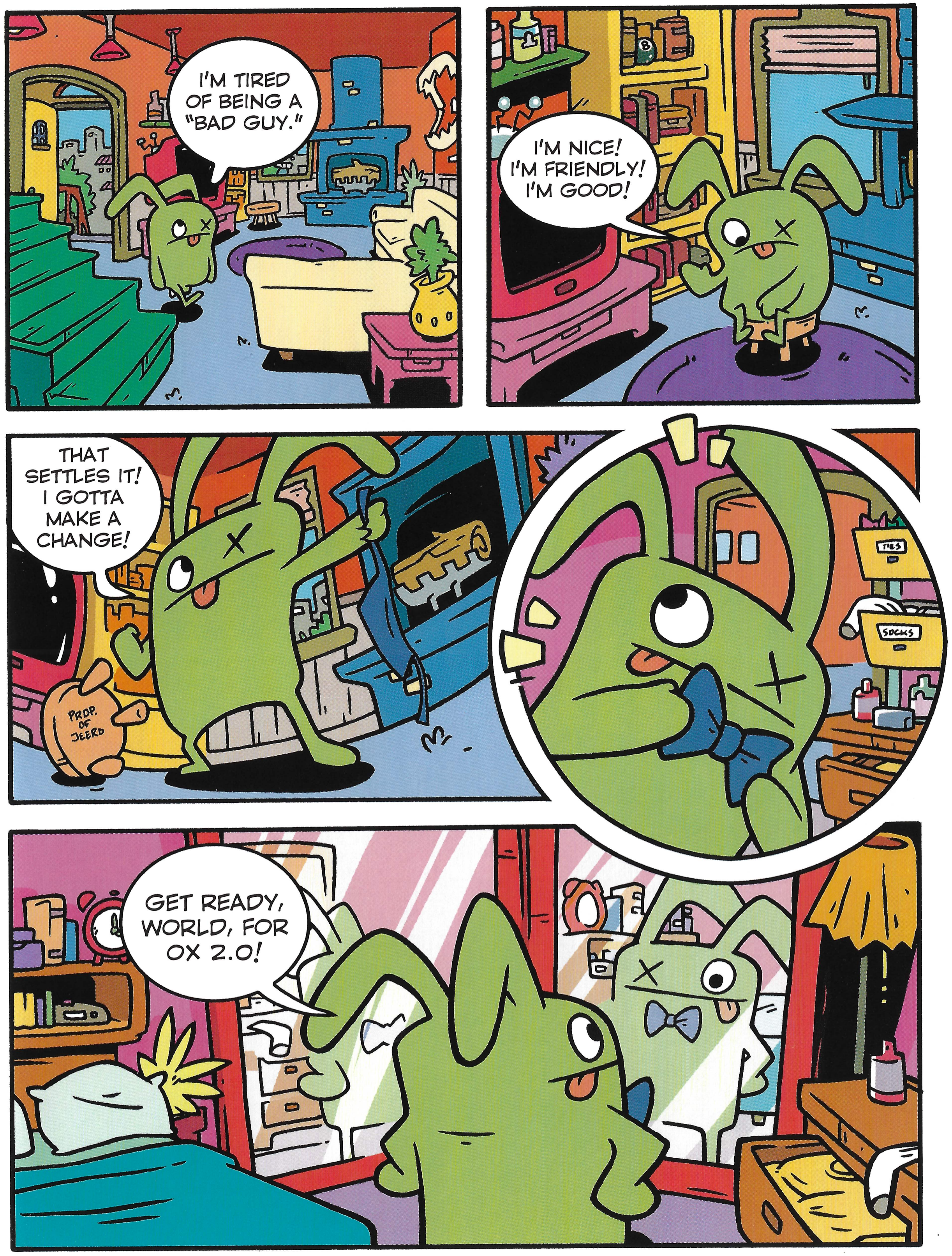
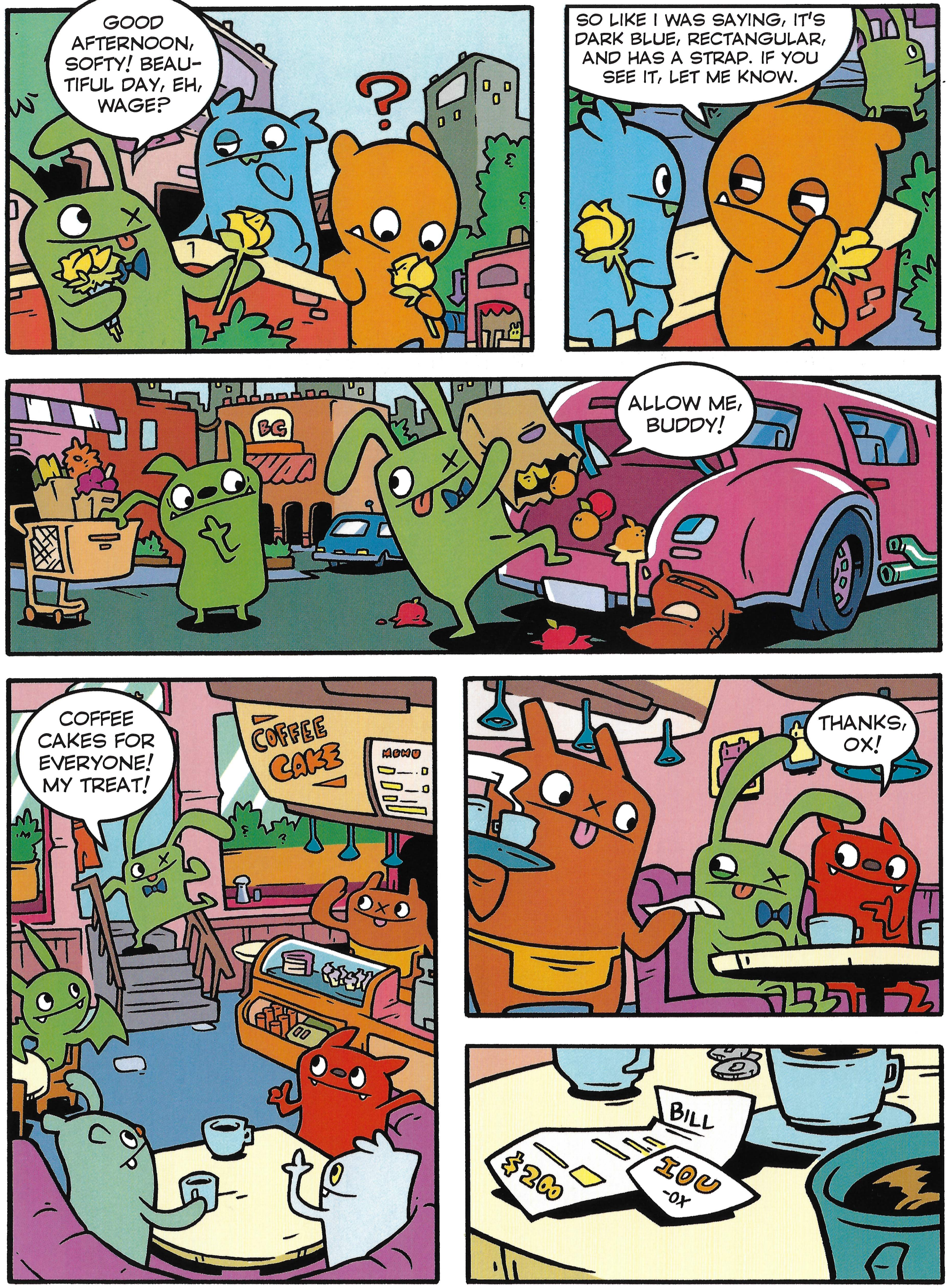


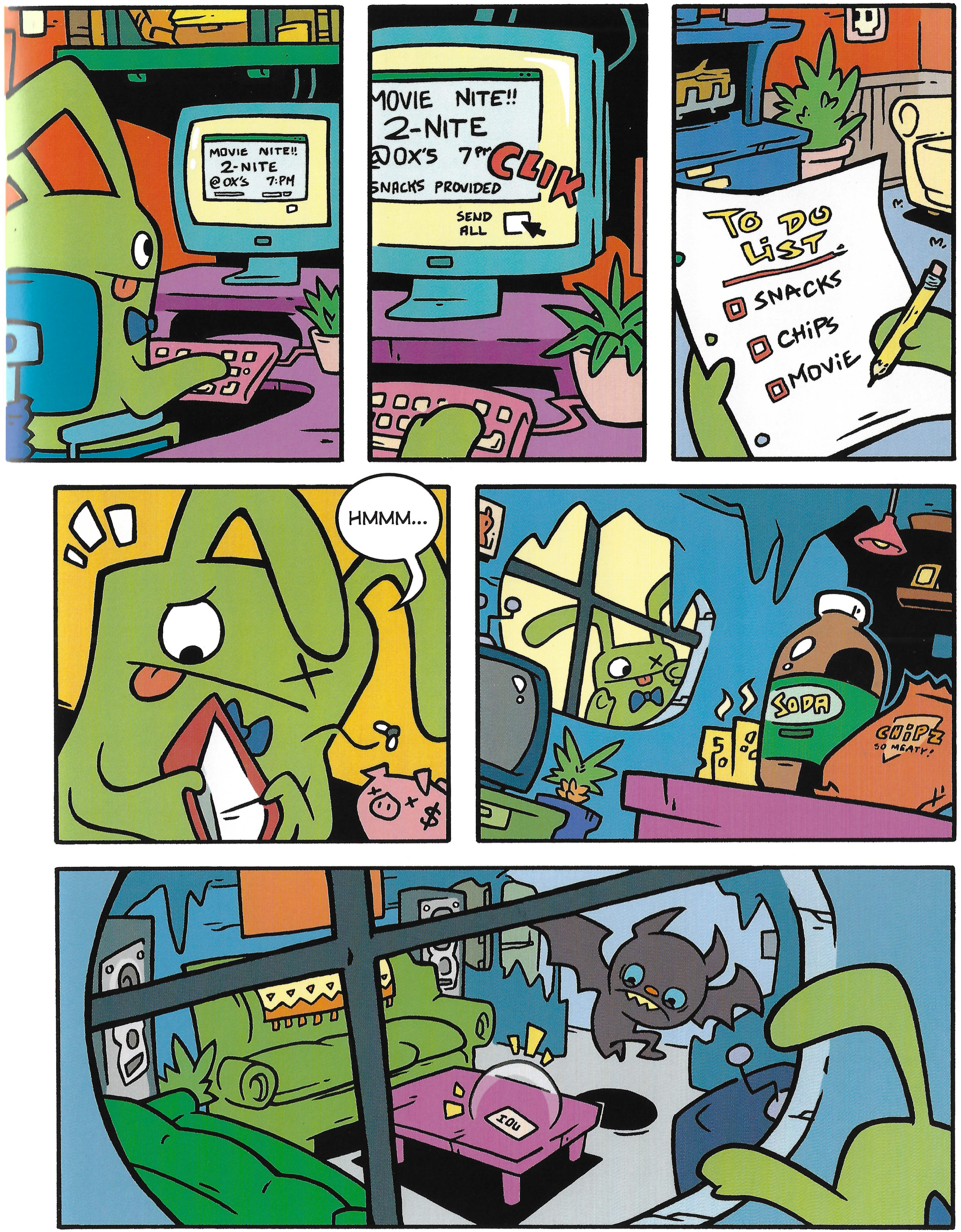
The Ultimate Hero

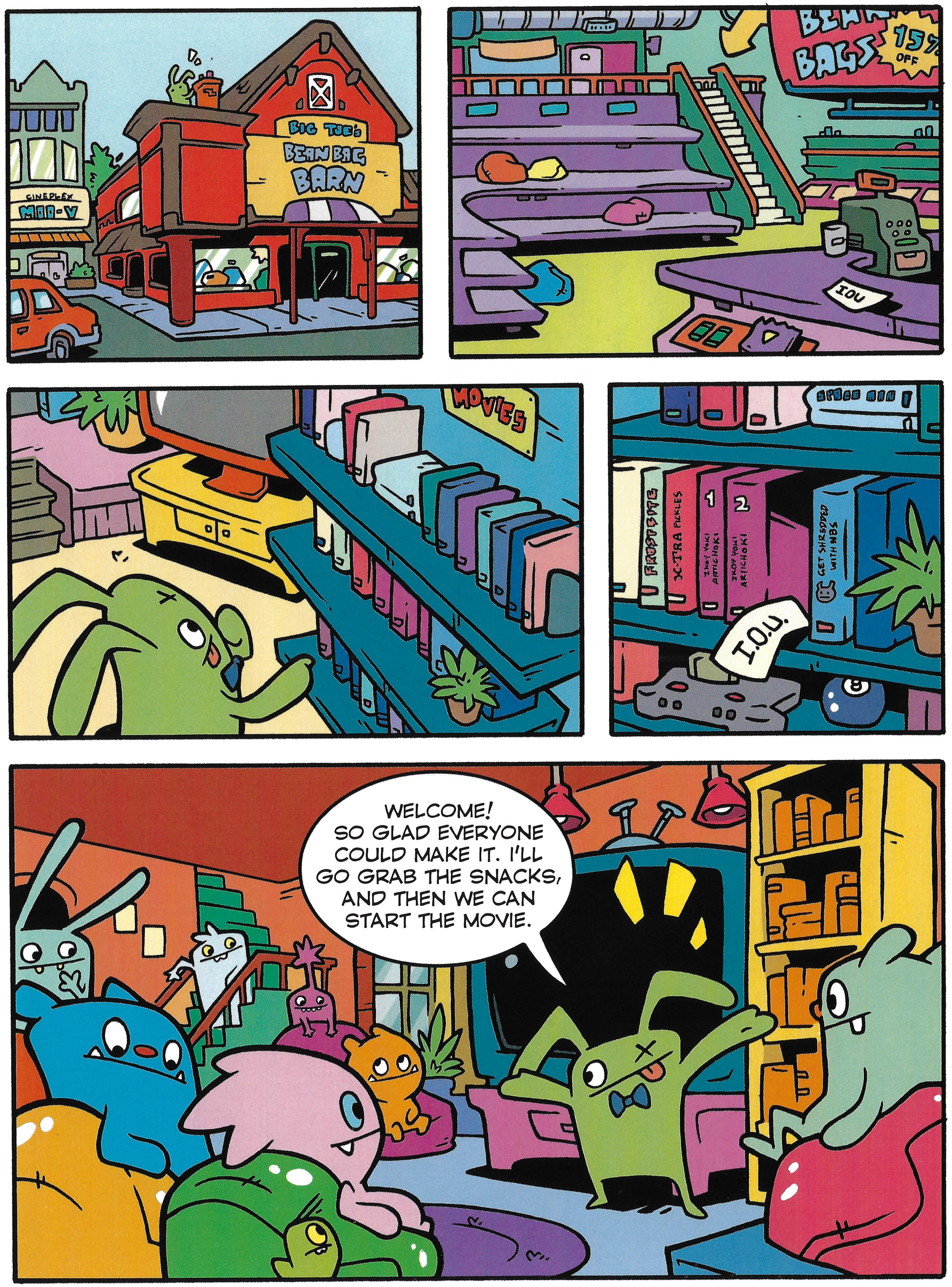
TRAVIS NICHOLS

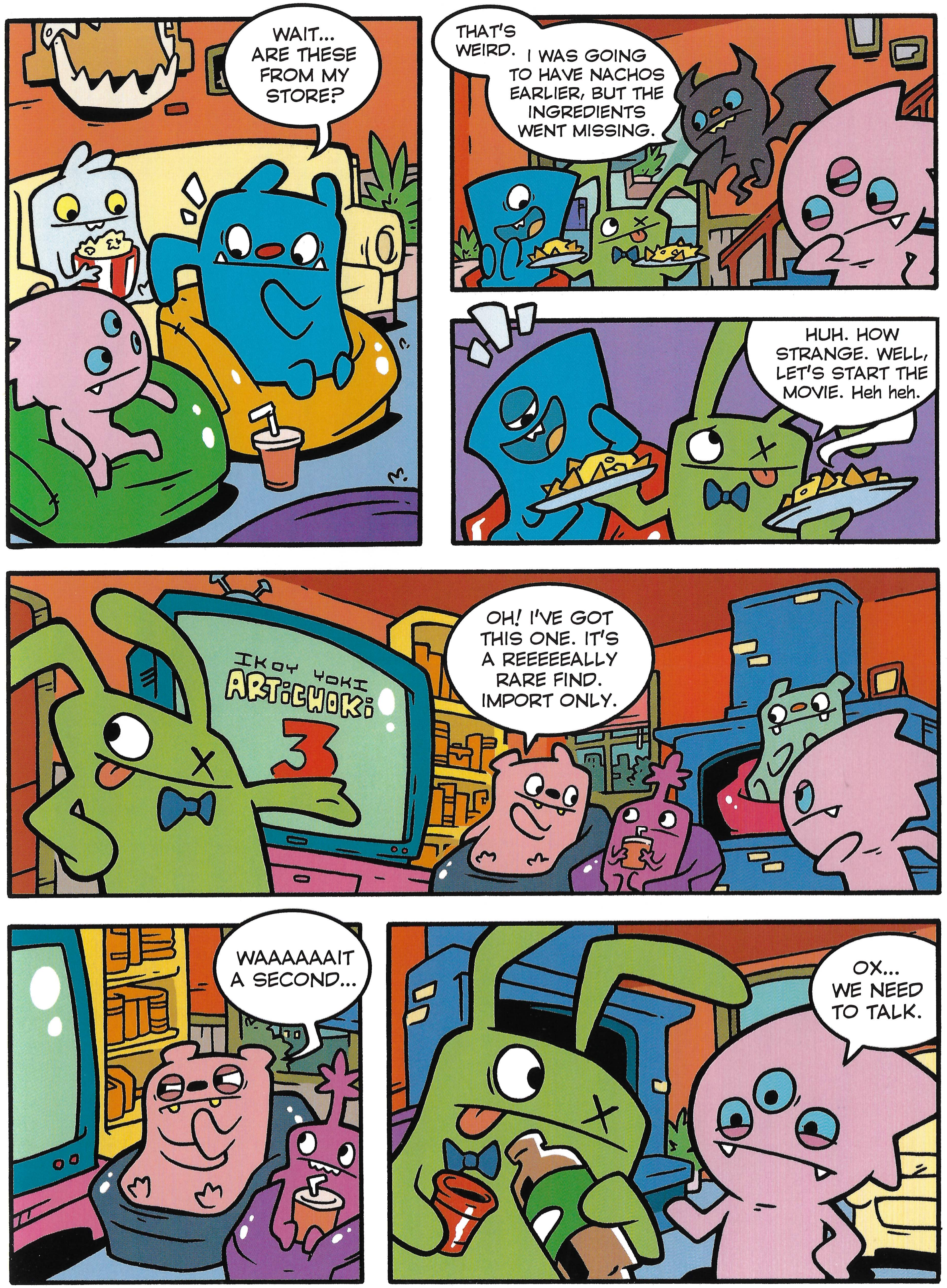

MY ENEMY, MYSELF
MORNING, BABO!
HEY, OX. HERE. HAVE *A* COOKIE.
THANKS!
THAT WAS WEIRD.
I GUESS I HAVE A... BAD REPUTATION.

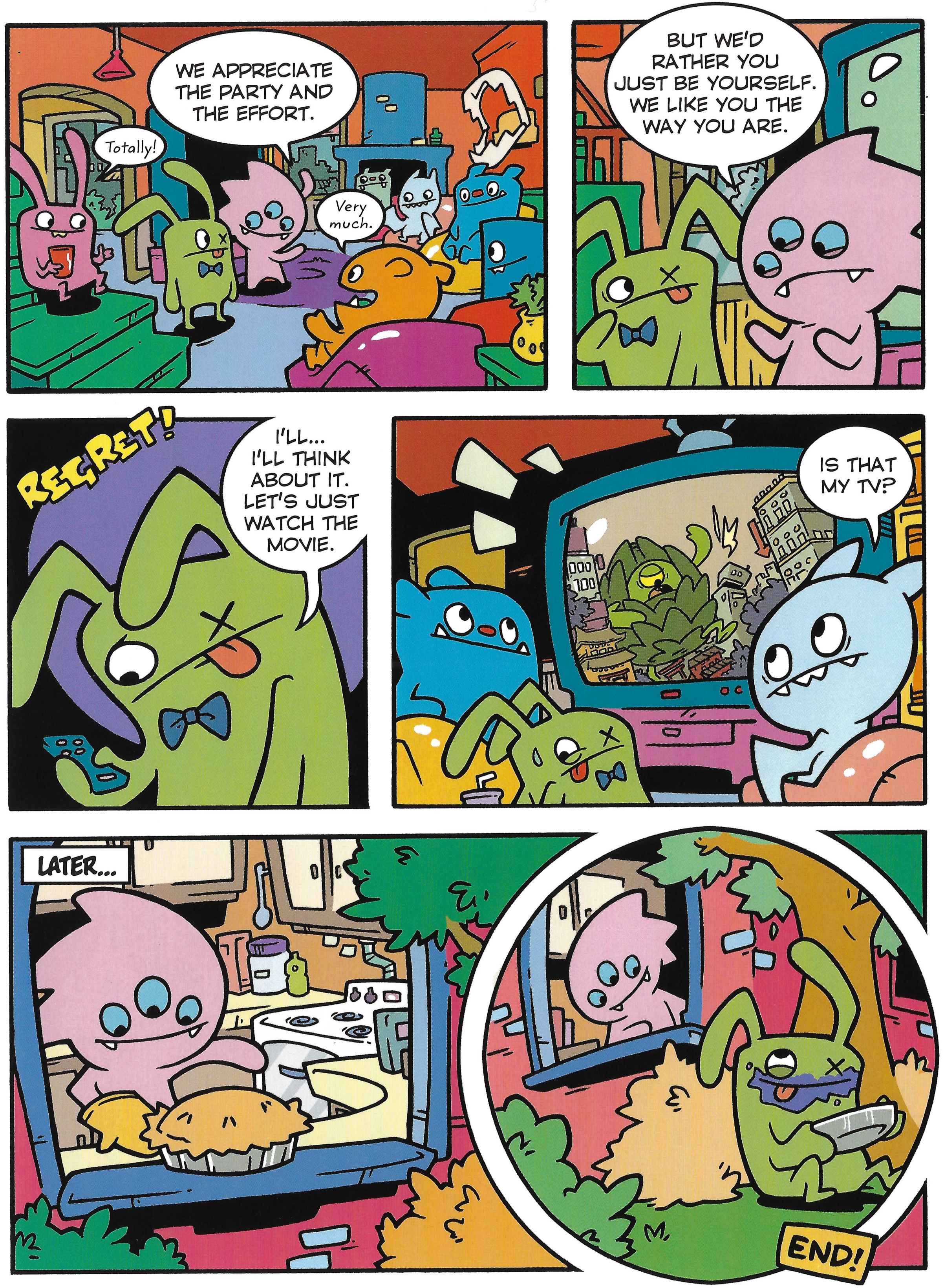

I'M TIRED OF BEING A "BAD GUY."
I'M NICE! I'M FRIENDLY! I'M GOOD!
THAT SETTLES IT! I GOTTA MAKE A CHANGE!
PROP. OF JEERO
TIES
SOCKS
GET READY, WORLD, FOR OX 2.0!

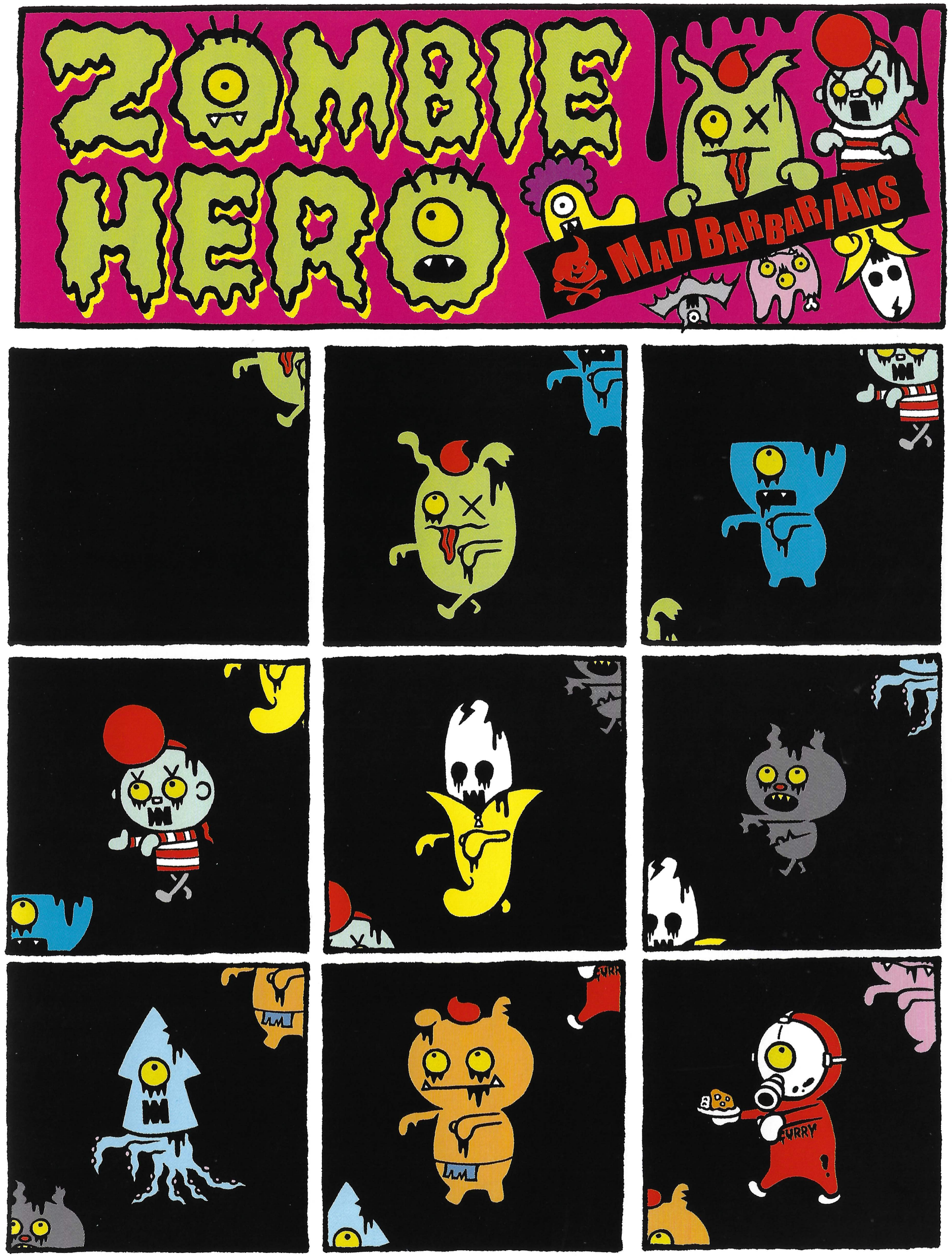

GOOD AFTERNOON, SOFTY! BEAUTIFUL DAY, EH, WAGE?
?
SO LIKE I WAS SAYING, IT'S DARK BLUE, RECTANGULAR, AND HAS A STRAP. IF YOU SEE IT, LET ME KNOW.
BG
ALLOW ME, BUDDY!
COFFEE CAKES FOR EVERYONE! MY TREAT!
COFFEE CAKE
MENU
THANKS, OX!
BILL
$200
IOU -OX

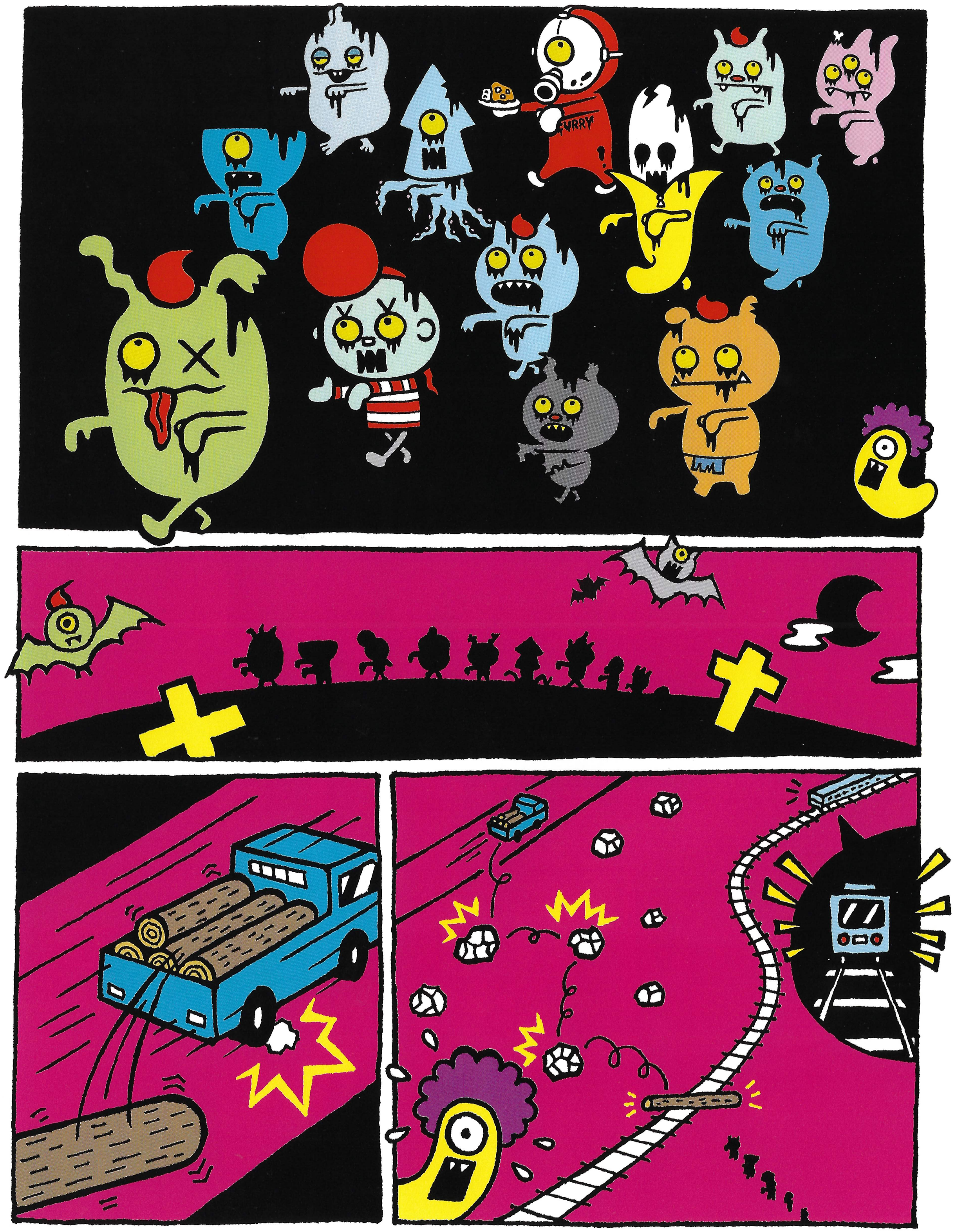

MOVIE NITE!! 2-NITE @OX'S 7:PM
MOVIE NITE!! 2-NITE @OX'S 7PM SNACKS PROVIDED
CLIK
SEND ALL
TO DO LIST
☐ SNACKS
☐ CHIPS
☐ MOVIE
HMMM...
SODA
CHIPZ SO MEATY!
IOU

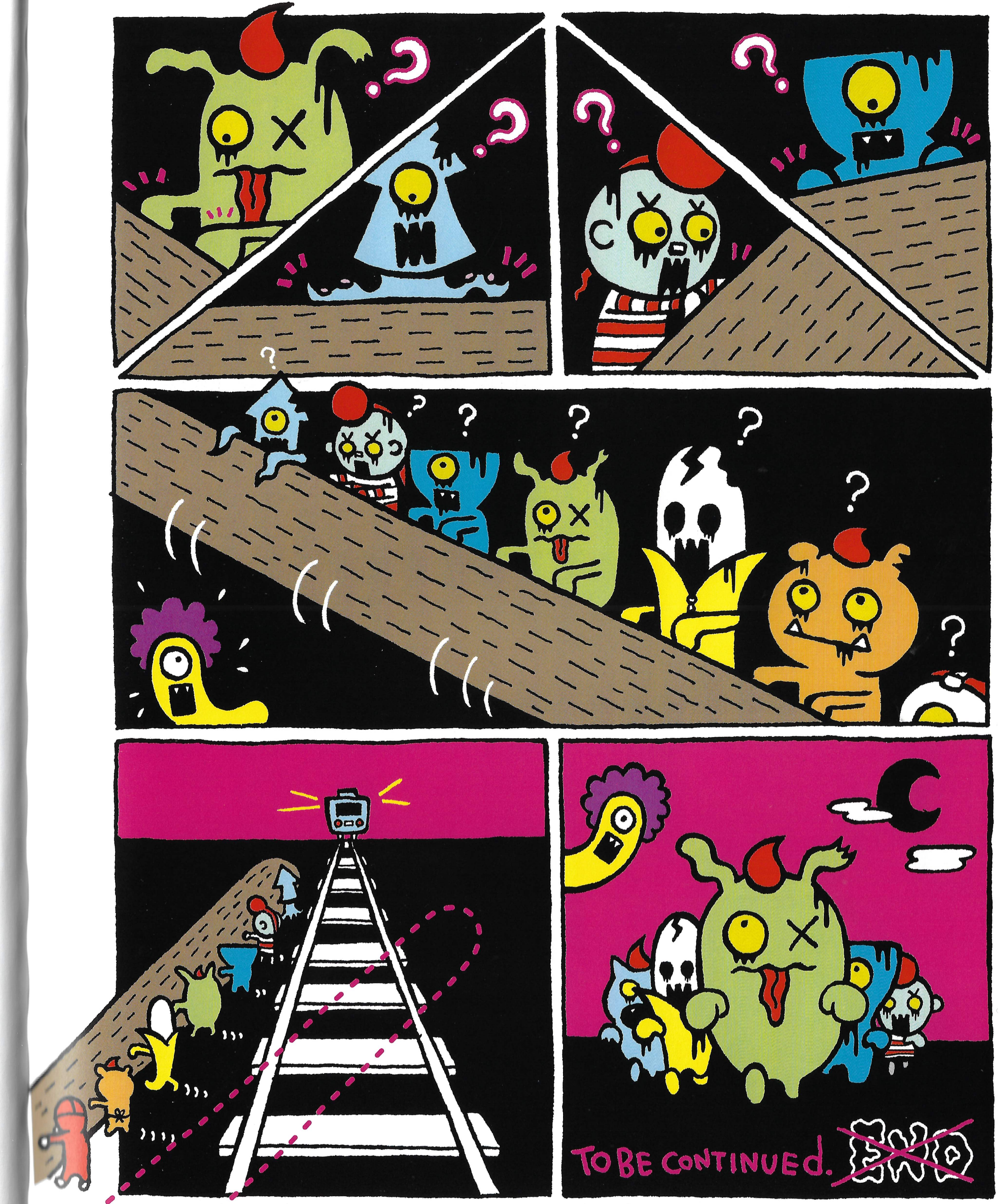

BIG TJE's
BEAN BAG BARN
CINEPLEX
MOO-V
BEAN BAGS 15% OFF
IOU
MOVIES
SPACE MAN I
FROSTBITE
X-TRA PICKLES
1 IKOY YOKI ARTICHOKI
2 IKOY YOKI ARTICHOKI
GET SHREDDED WITH NBS
I.O.U.
WELCOME! SO GLAD EVERYONE COULD MAKE IT. I'LL GO GRAB THE SNACKS, AND THEN WE CAN START THE MOVIE.


WAIT... ARE THESE FROM MY STORE?
THAT'S WEIRD. I WAS GOING TO HAVE NACHOS EARLIER, BUT THE INGREDIENTS WENT MISSING.
HUH. HOW STRANGE. WELL, LET'S START THE MOVIE. Heh heh.
IKOY YOKI ARTICHOKI 3
OH! I'VE GOT THIS ONE. IT'S A REEEEEALLY RARE FIND. IMPORT ONLY.
WAAAAAAIT A SECOND...
OX... WE NEED TO TALK.


WE APPRECIATE THE PARTY AND THE EFFORT.
Totally!
Very much.
BUT WE'D RATHER YOU JUST BE YOURSELF. WE LIKE YOU THE WAY YOU ARE.
REGRET!
I'LL... I'LL THINK ABOUT IT. LET'S JUST WATCH THE MOVIE.
IS THAT MY TV?
LATER...
END!


ZOMBIE HERO
MAD BARBARIANS


CURRY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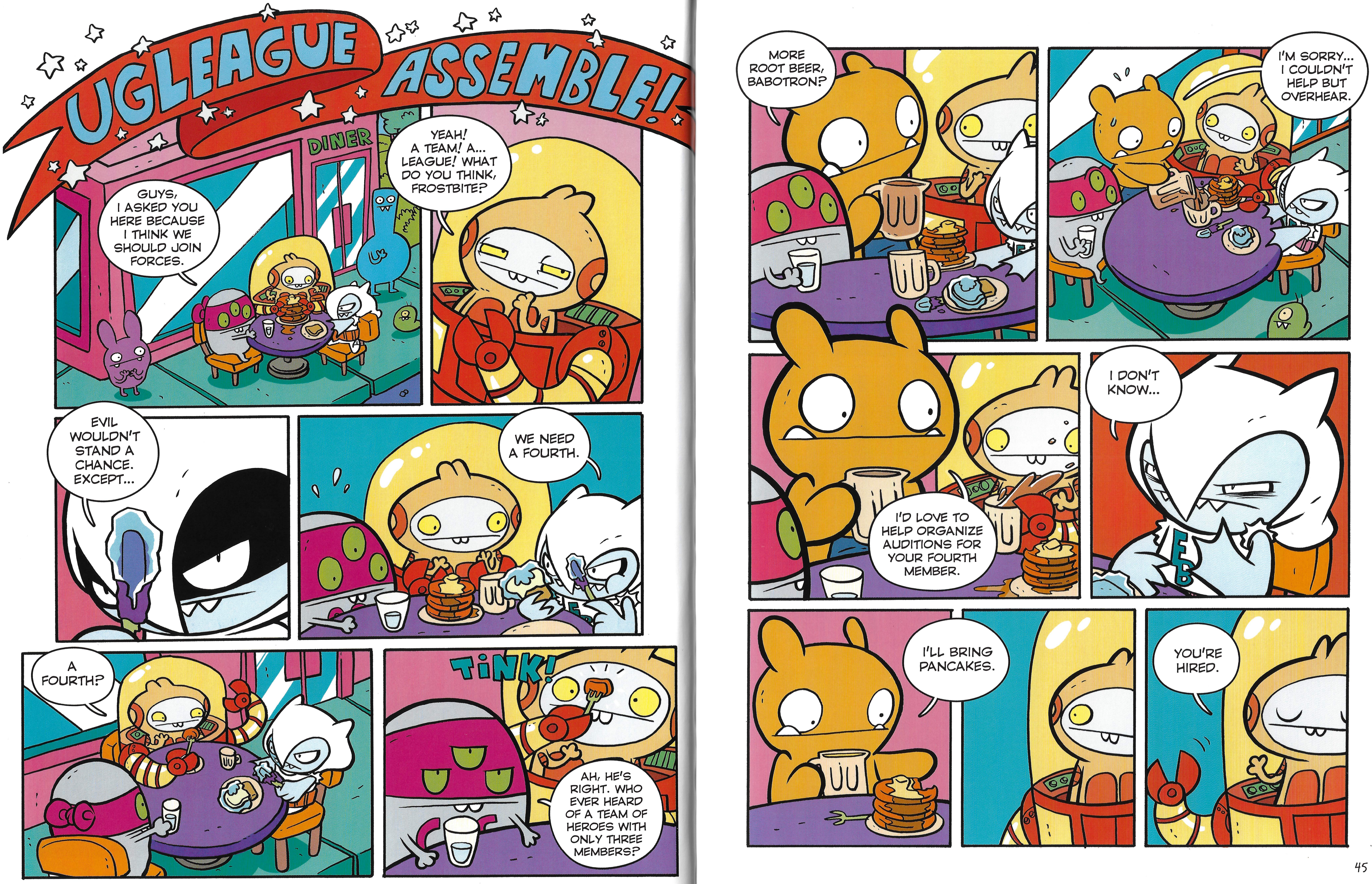
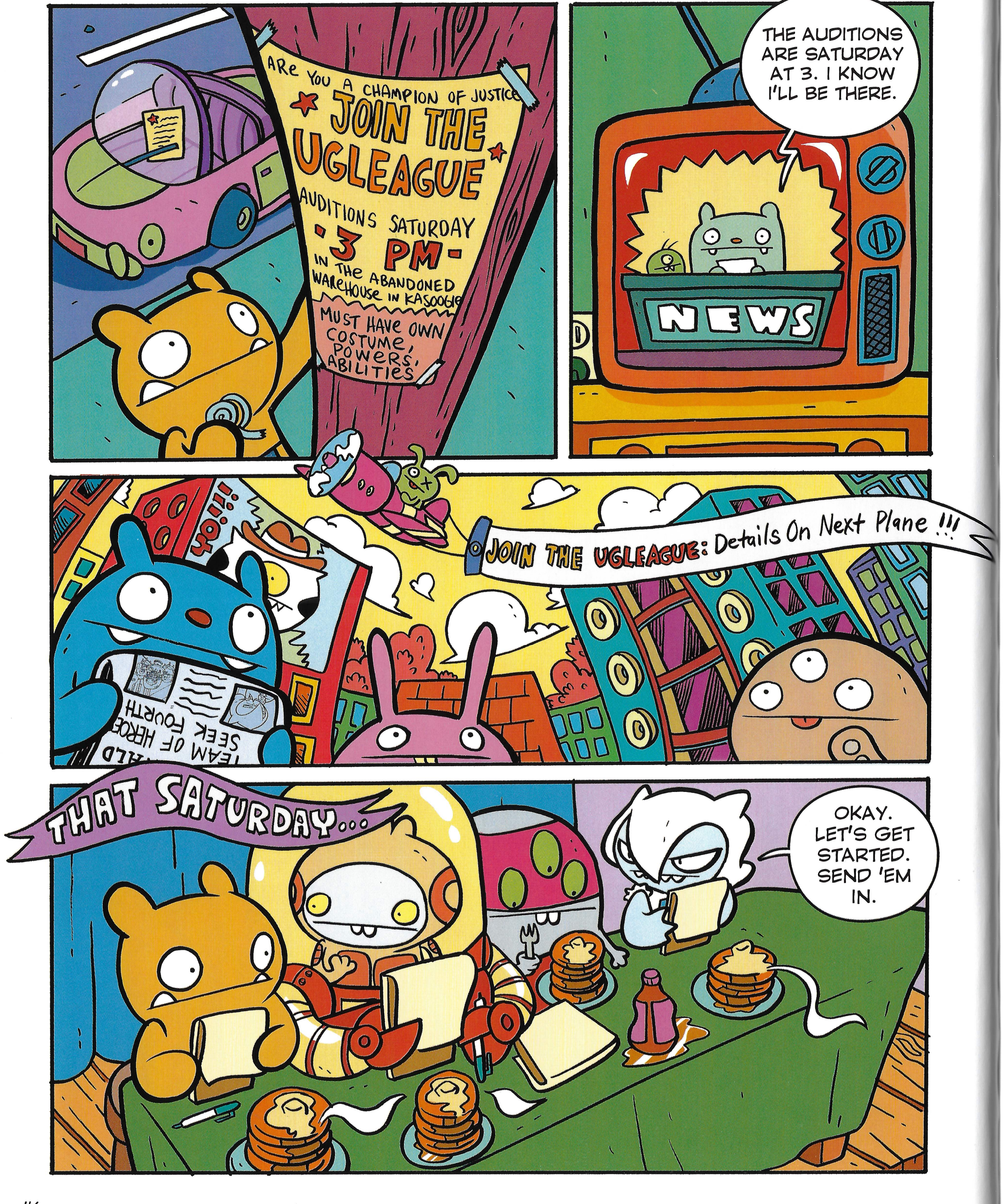
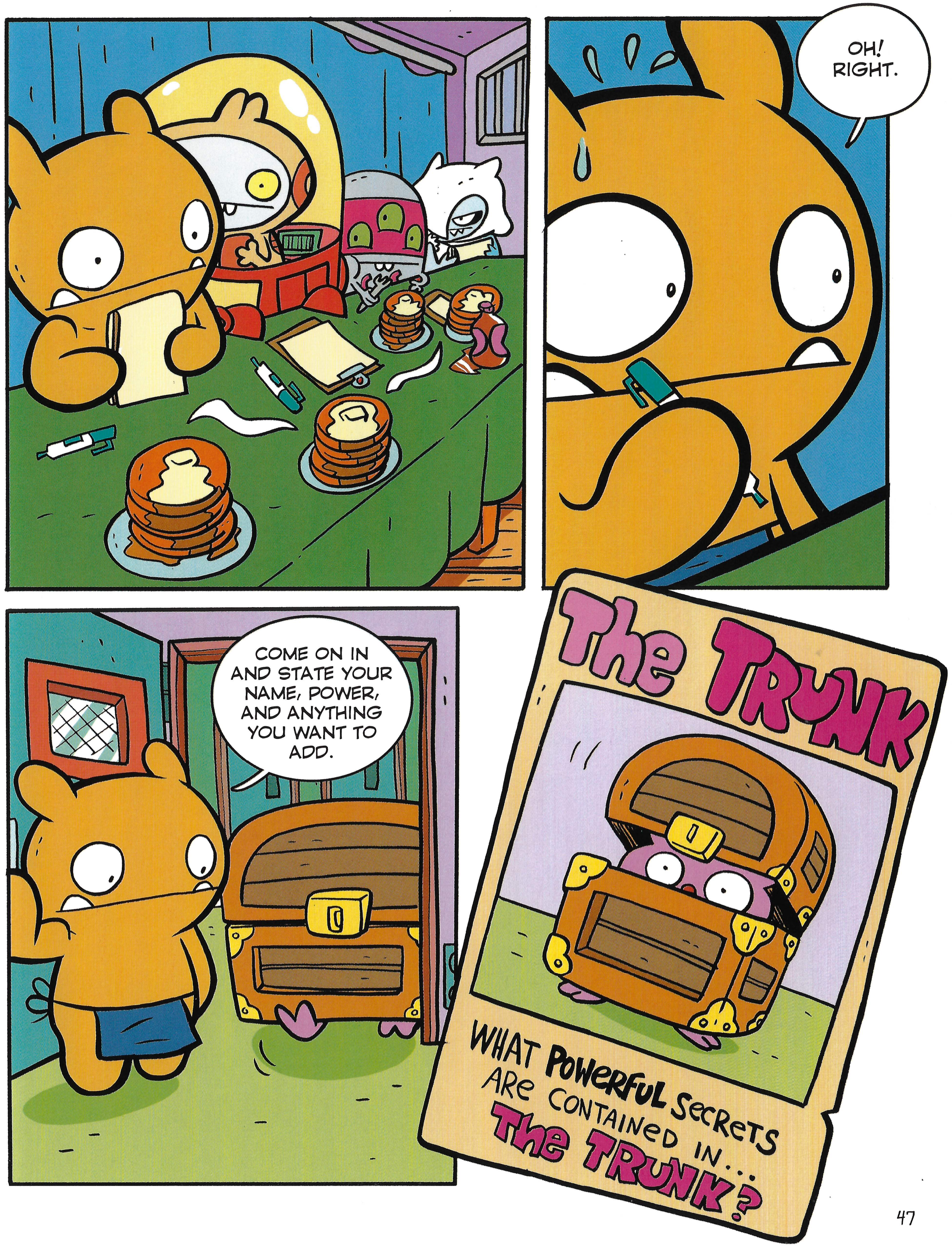
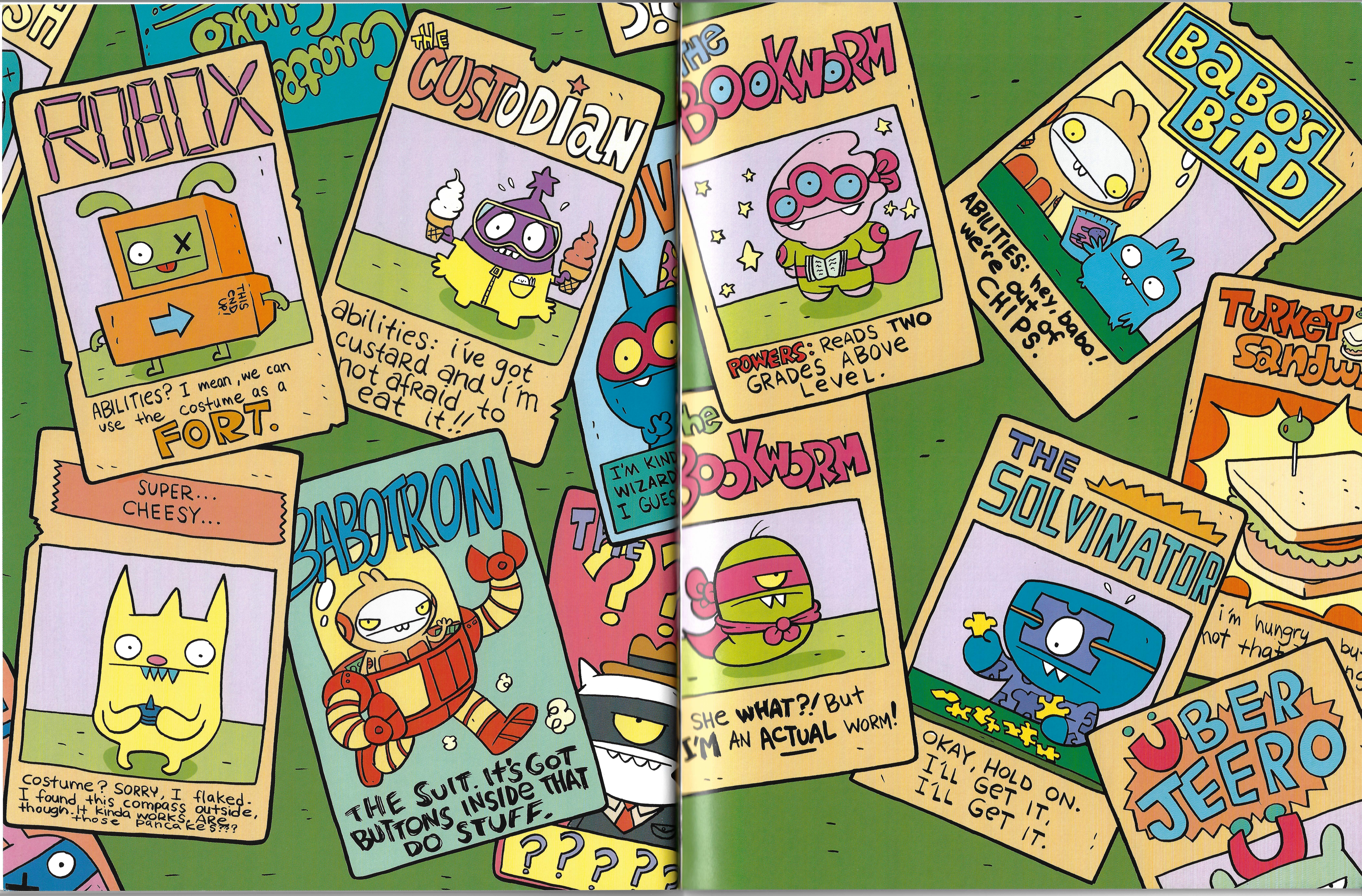
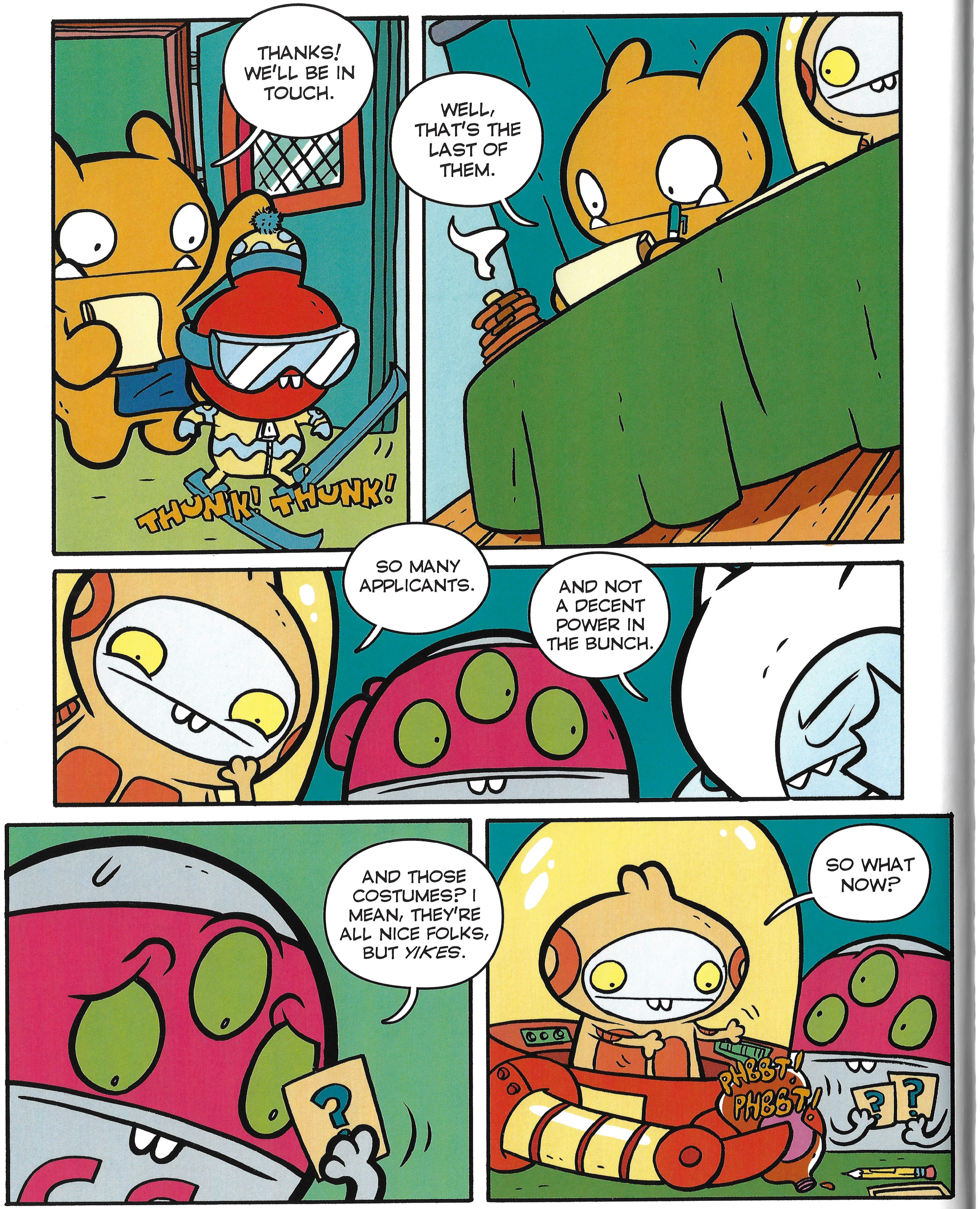
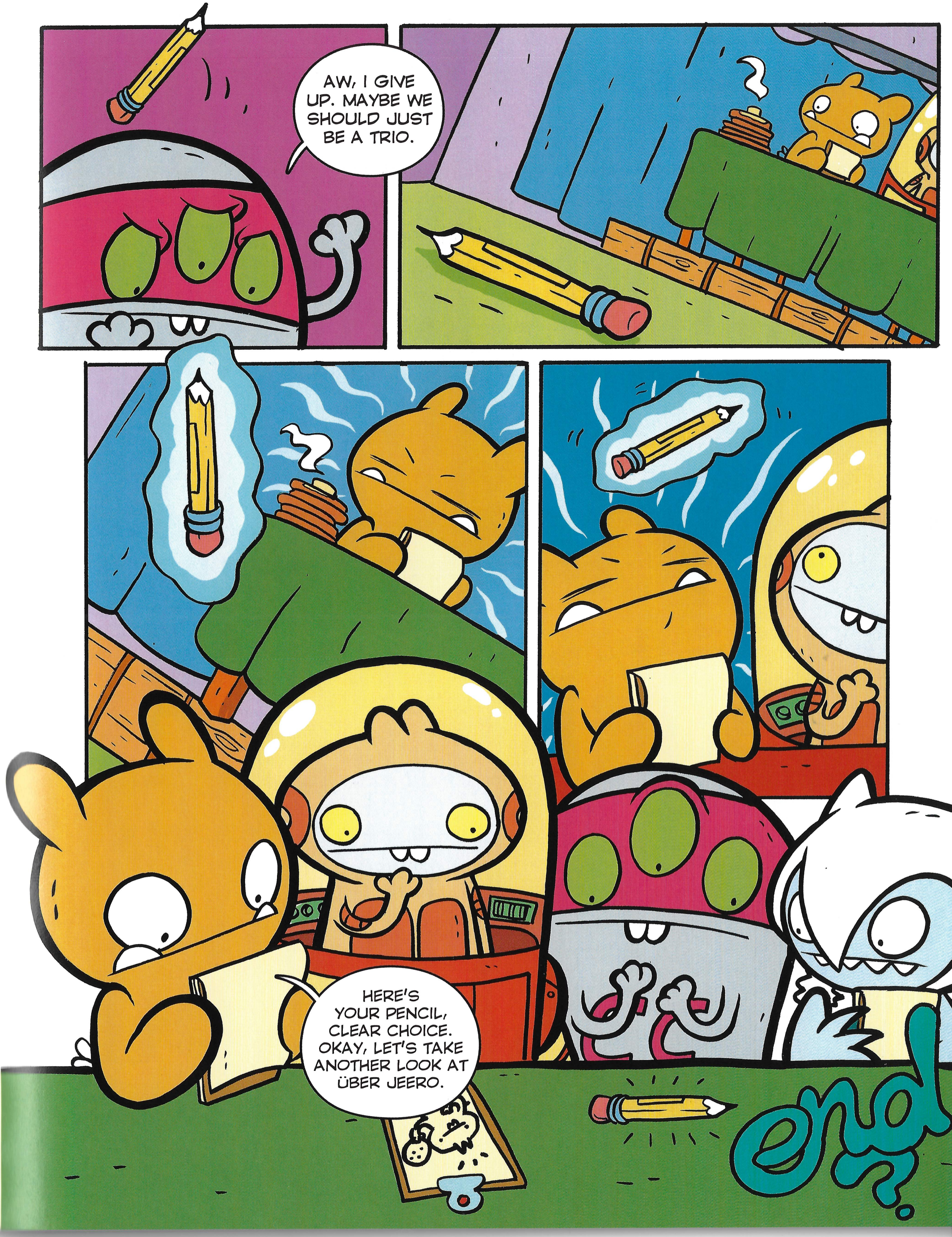

UGLEAGUE ASSEMBLE!
DINER
GUYS, I ASKED YOU HERE BECAUSE I THINK WE SHOULD JOIN FORCES.
YEAH! A TEAM! A... LEAGUE! WHAT DO YOU THINK, FROSTBITE?
EVIL WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE. EXCEPT...
WE NEED A FOURTH.
A FOURTH?
TINK!
AH, HE'S RIGHT. WHO EVER HEARD OF A TEAM OF HEROES WITH ONLY THREE MEMBERS?
MORE ROOT BEER, BABOTRON?
I'M SORRY... I COULDN'T HELP BUT OVERHEAR.
I'D LOVE TO HELP ORGANIZE AUDITIONS FOR YOUR FOURTH MEMBER.
I DON'T KNOW...
I'LL BRING PANCAKES.
YOU'RE HIRED.

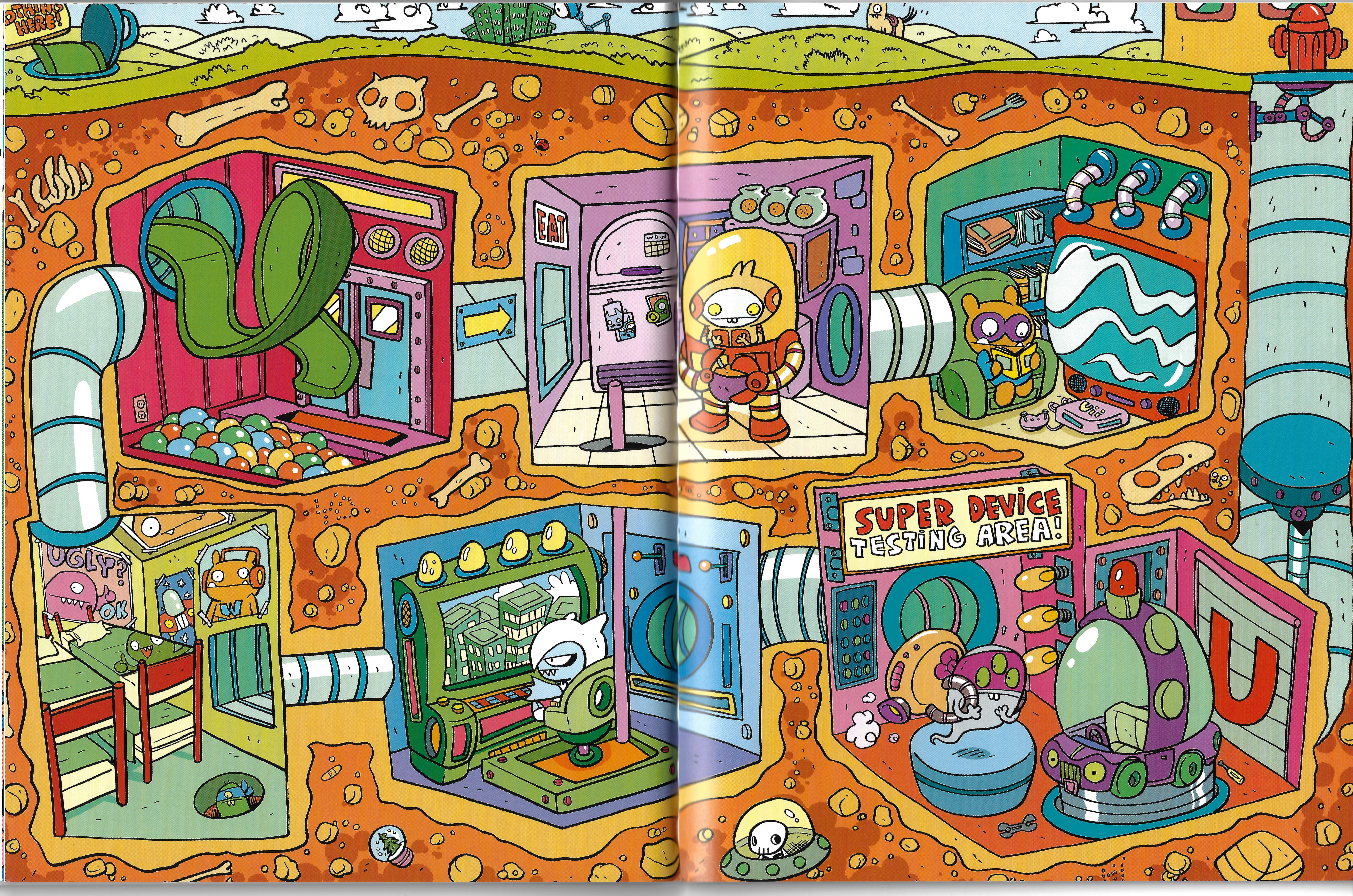

ARE YOU A CHAMPION OF JUSTICE
JOIN THE UGLEAGUE
AUDITIONS SATURDAY -3 PM- IN THE ABANDONED WAREHOUSE IN KASOOGIE
MUST HAVE OWN COSTUME, POWERS, ABILITIES
THE AUDITIONS ARE SATURDAY AT 3. I KNOW I'LL BE THERE.
NEWS
JOIN THE UGLEAGUE: Details On Next Plane !!!
TEAM OF HEROES SEEK FOURTH
THAT SATURDAY...
OKAY. LET'S GET STARTED. SEND 'EM IN.

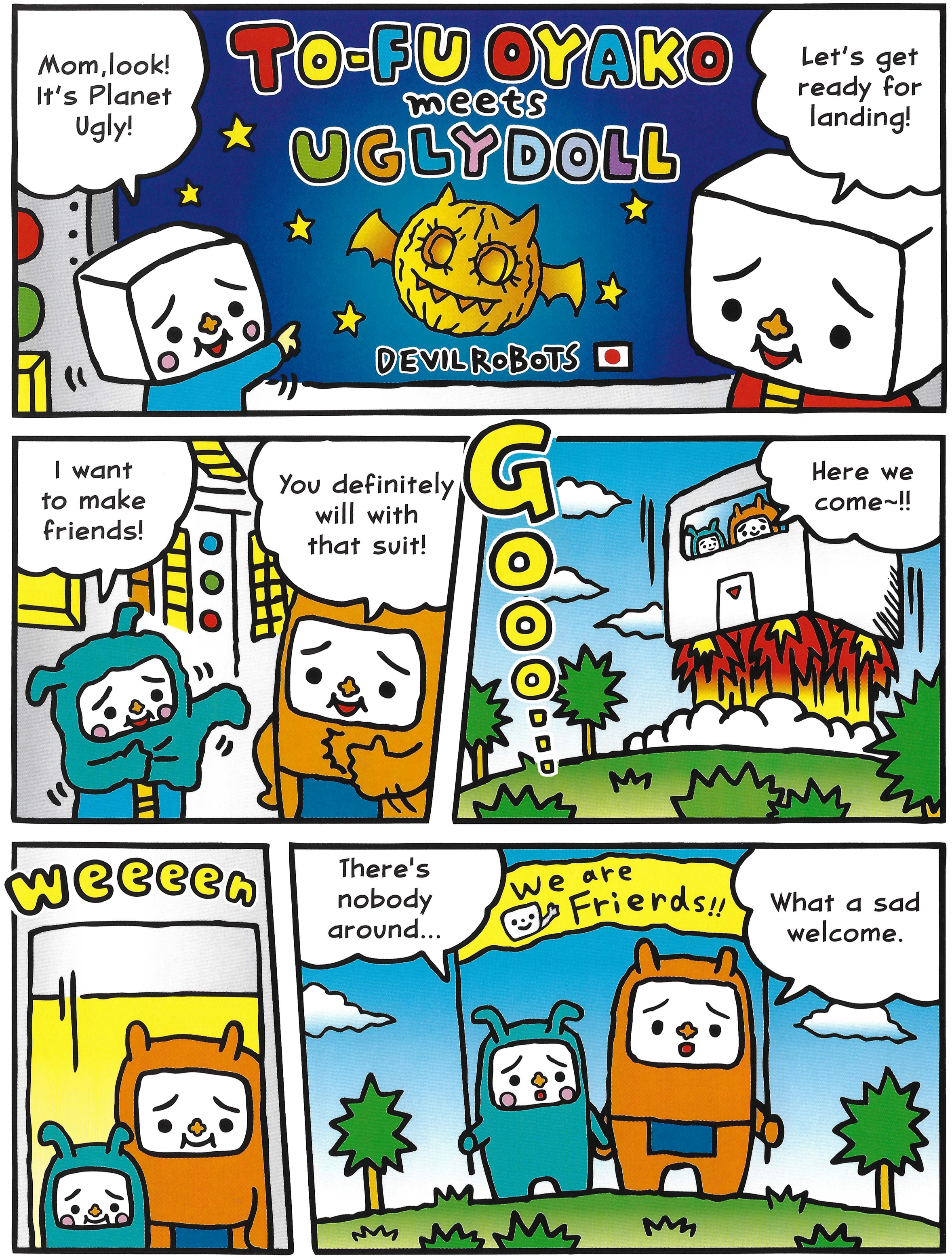

OH! RIGHT.
COME ON IN AND STATE YOUR NAME, POWER, AND ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD.
The TRUNK
WHAT POWERFUL SECRETS ARE CONTAINED IN... The TRUNK?

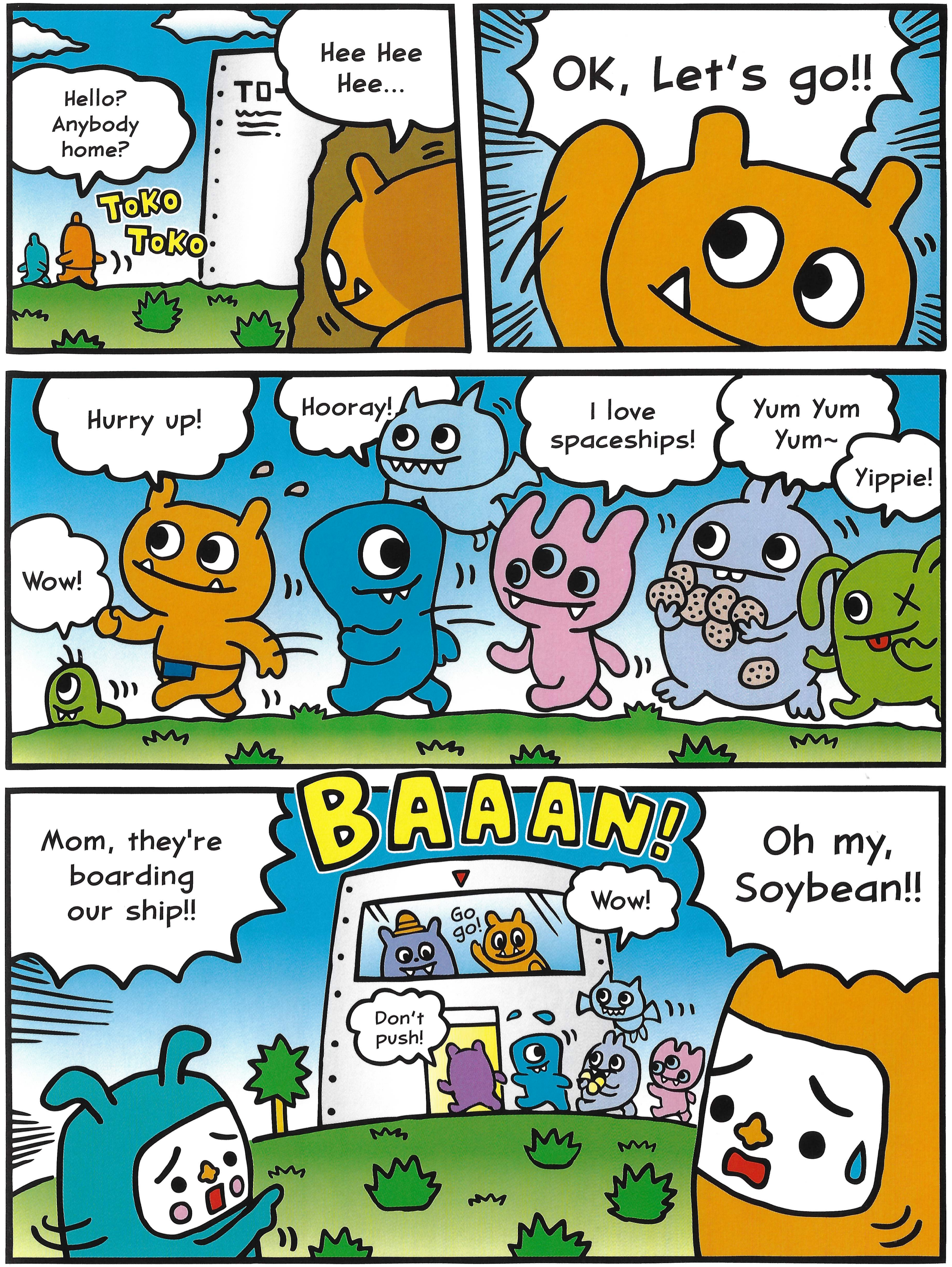

ROBOX
THIS END UP
ABILITIES? I mean, we can use the costume as a FORT.
THE CUSTODIAN
abilities: i've got custard and i'm not afraid to eat it!!
SUPER... CHEESY...
costume? SORRY, I flaked. I found this compass outside, though. It kinda WORKS. ARE those pancakes???
BABOTRON
THE SUIT. It's GOT BUTTONS INSIDE THAT DO STUFF.
I'M KIND WIZARD I GUES
THE
????
THE BOOKWORM
POWERS: READS TWO GRADES ABOVE LEVEL.
BABO'S BIRD
ABILITIES: hey, babo! we're out of CHIPS.
The BOOKWORM
SHE WHAT?! But I'M AN ACTUAL WORM!
THE SOLVINATOR
OKAY, HOLD ON. I'LL GET IT. I'LL GET IT.
TURKEY SANDWI
i'm hungry not that bu ng
UBER JEERO

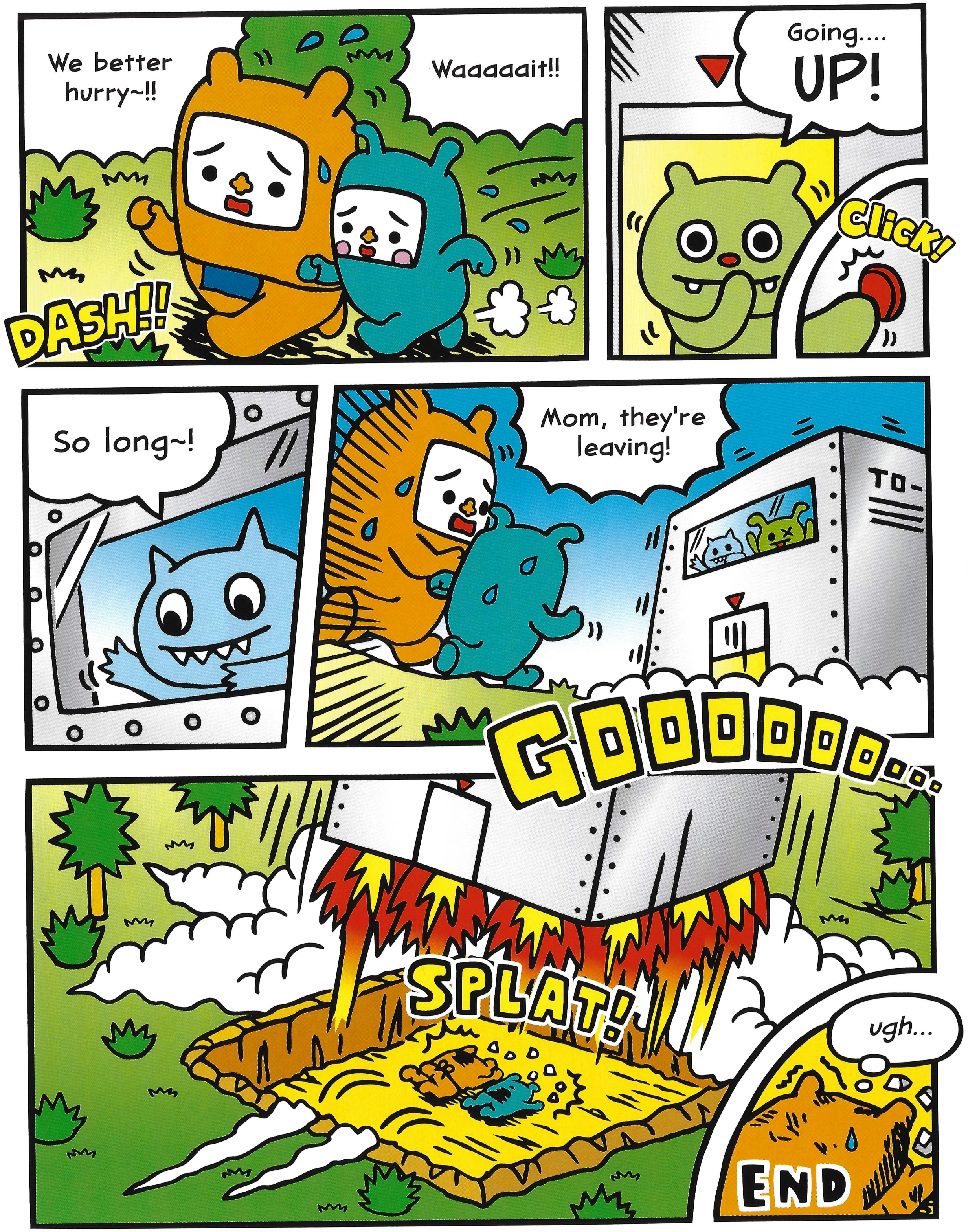

THANKS! WE'LL BE IN TOUCH.
THUNK! THUNK!
WELL, THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM.
SO MANY APPLICANTS.
AND NOT A DECENT POWER IN THE BUNCH.
AND THOSE COSTUMES? I MEAN, THEY'RE ALL NICE FOLKS, BUT *YIKES*.
SO WHAT NOW?
PHBBT! PHBBT!

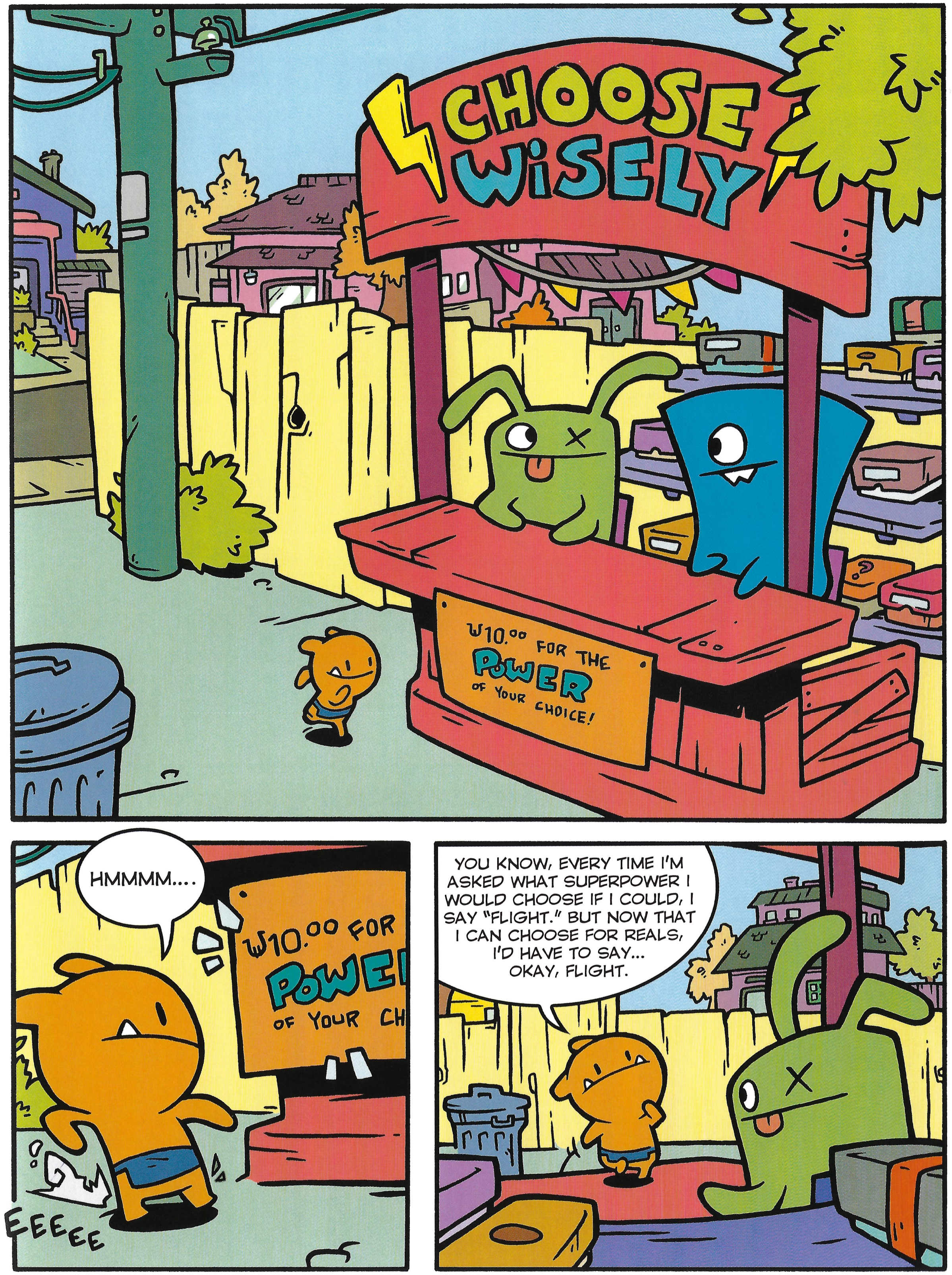

AW, I GIVE UP. MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST BE A TRIO.
HERE'S YOUR PENCIL, CLEAR CHOICE. OKAY, LET'S TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT ÜBER JEERO.
end

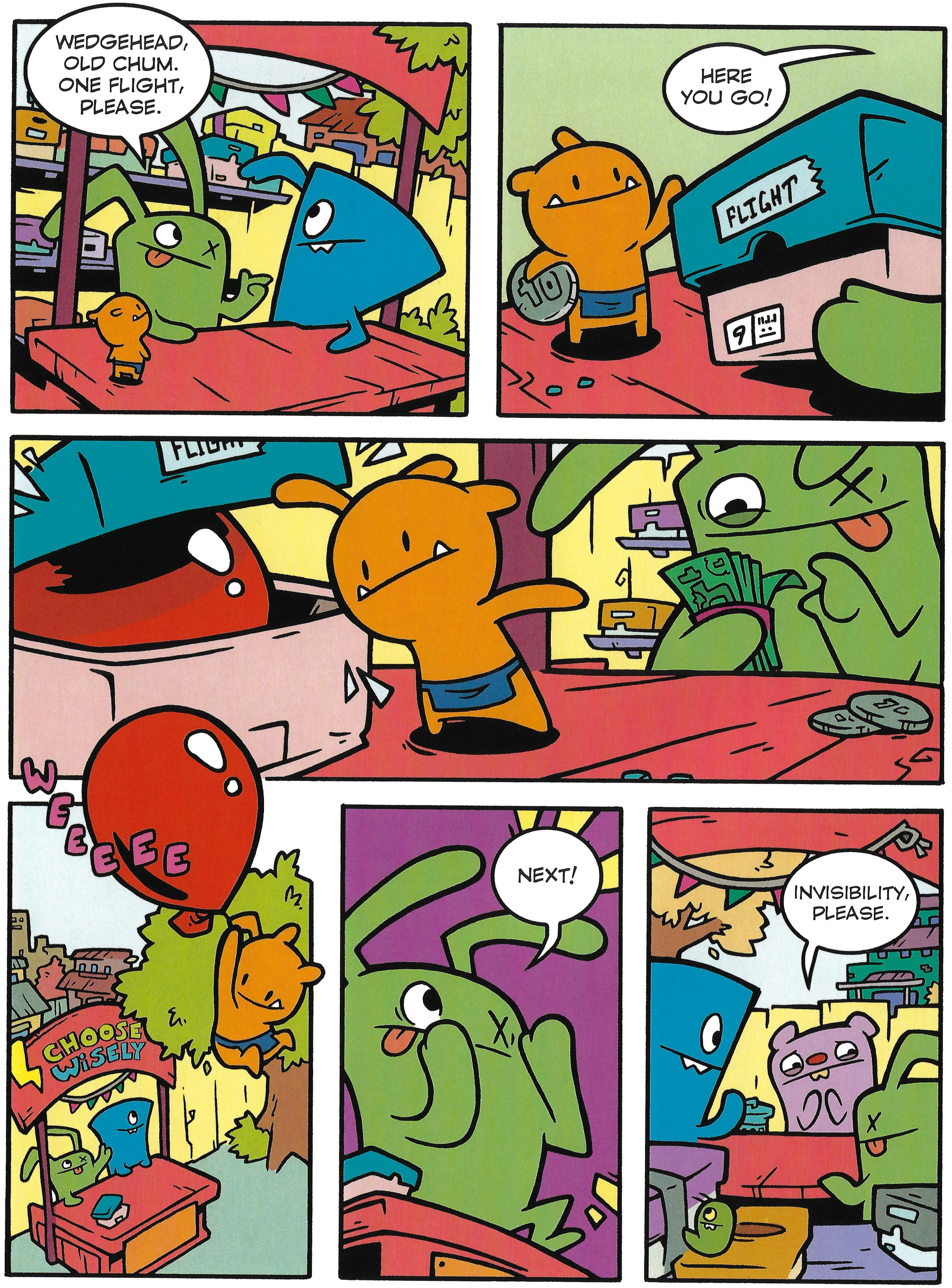

OTHING HERE!
EAT
WOW
UGLY?
OK
Uii
SUPER DEVICE TESTING AREA!
U

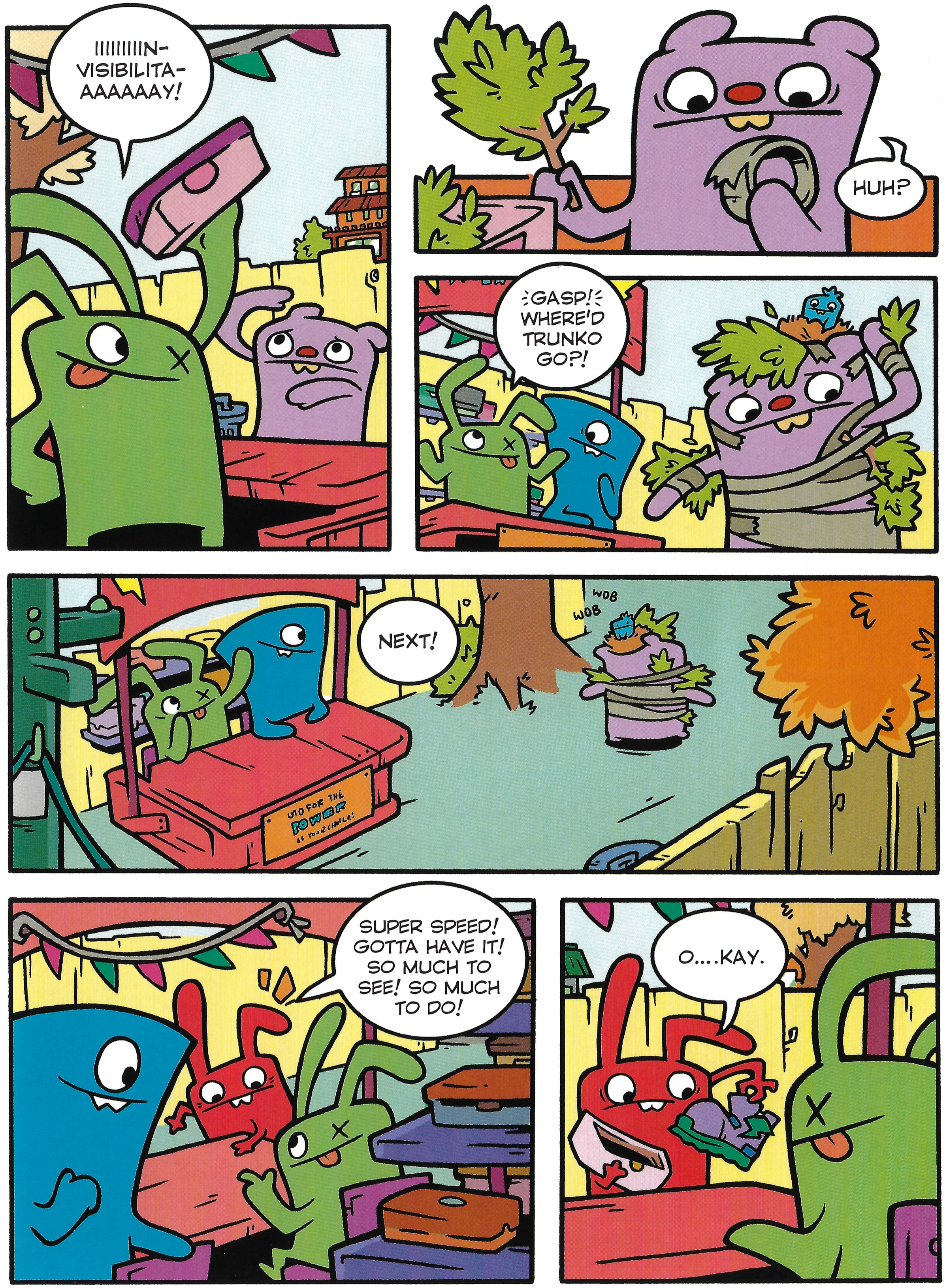

Mom, look! It's Planet Ugly!
TO-FU OYAKO meets UGLYDOLL
DEVILROBOTS
Let's get ready for landing!
I want to make friends!
You definitely will with that suit!
GOOOOO!!!
Here we come~!!
weeeen
There's nobody around...
We are Friends!!
What a sad welcome.

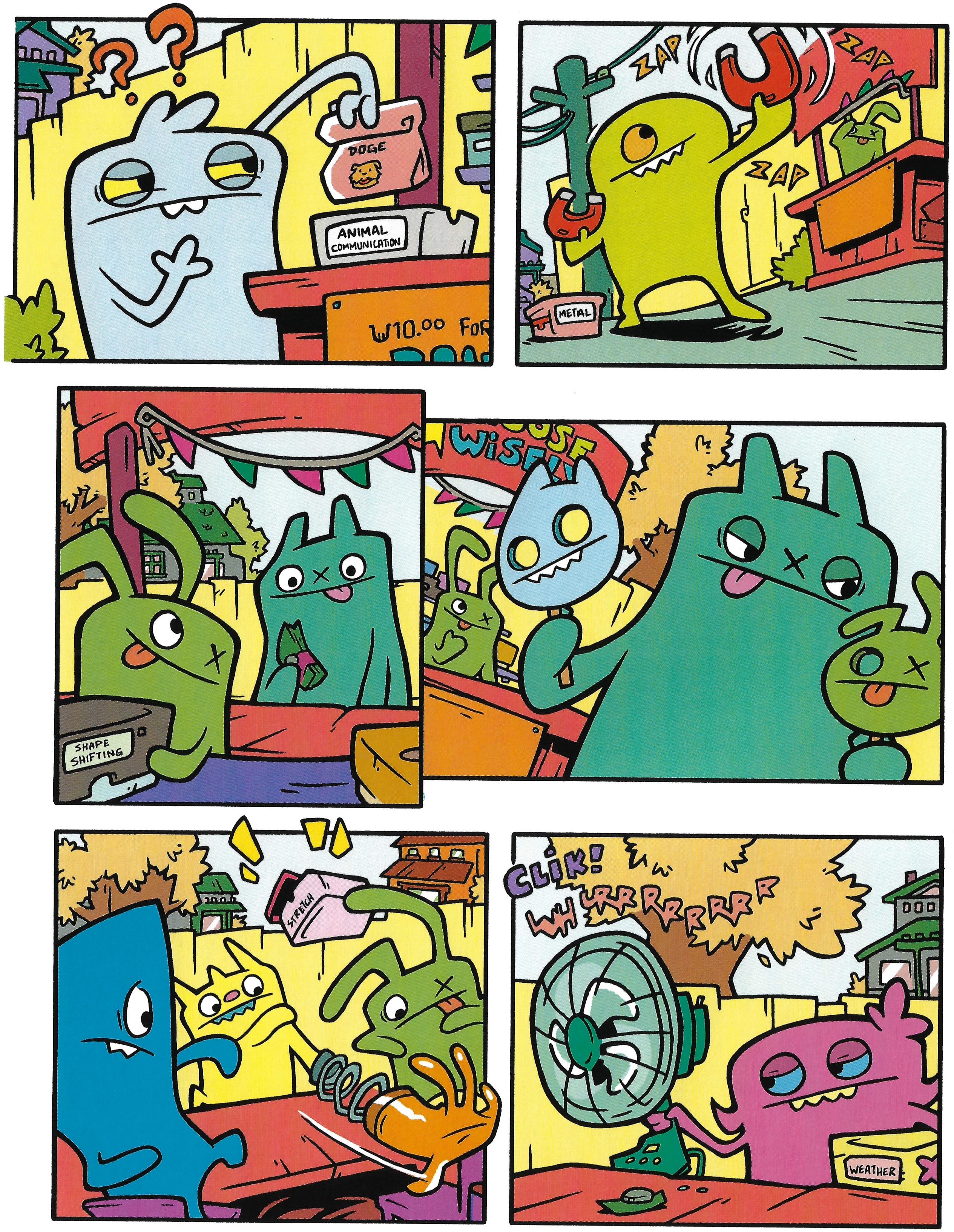

Hello? Anybody home?
TO-
TOKO TOKO
Hee Hee Hee...
OK, Let's go!!
Hurry up!
Hooray!
I love spaceships!
Yum Yum Yum~
Yippie!
Wow!
Mom, they're boarding our ship!!
BAAAN!
Go go!
Wow!
Don't push!
Oh my, Soybean!!

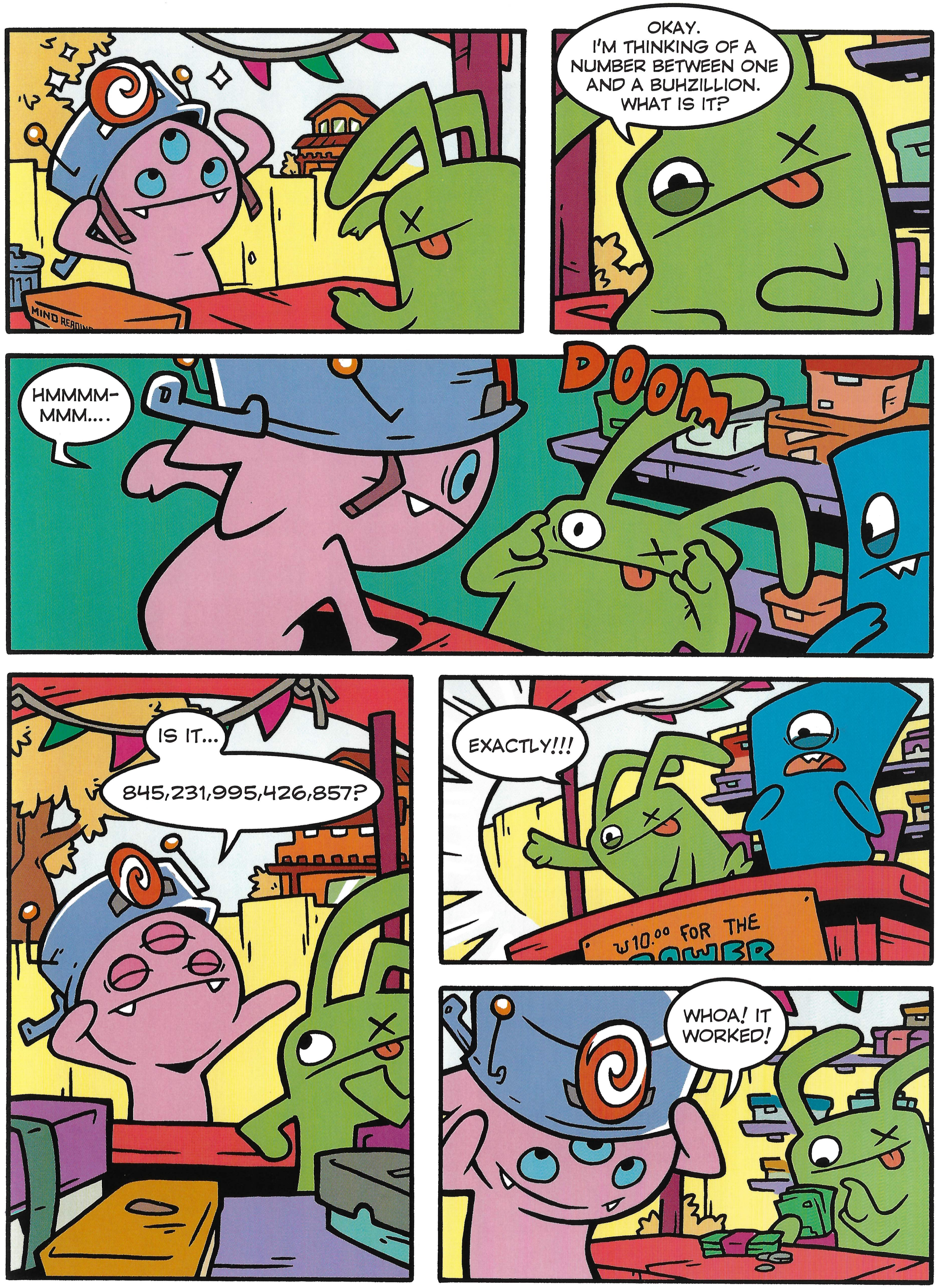

We better hurry~!!
Waaaaait!!
DASH!!
Going.... UP!
Click!
So long~!
Mom, they're leaving!
TO-
GOOOOOO...
SPLAT!
ugh...
END

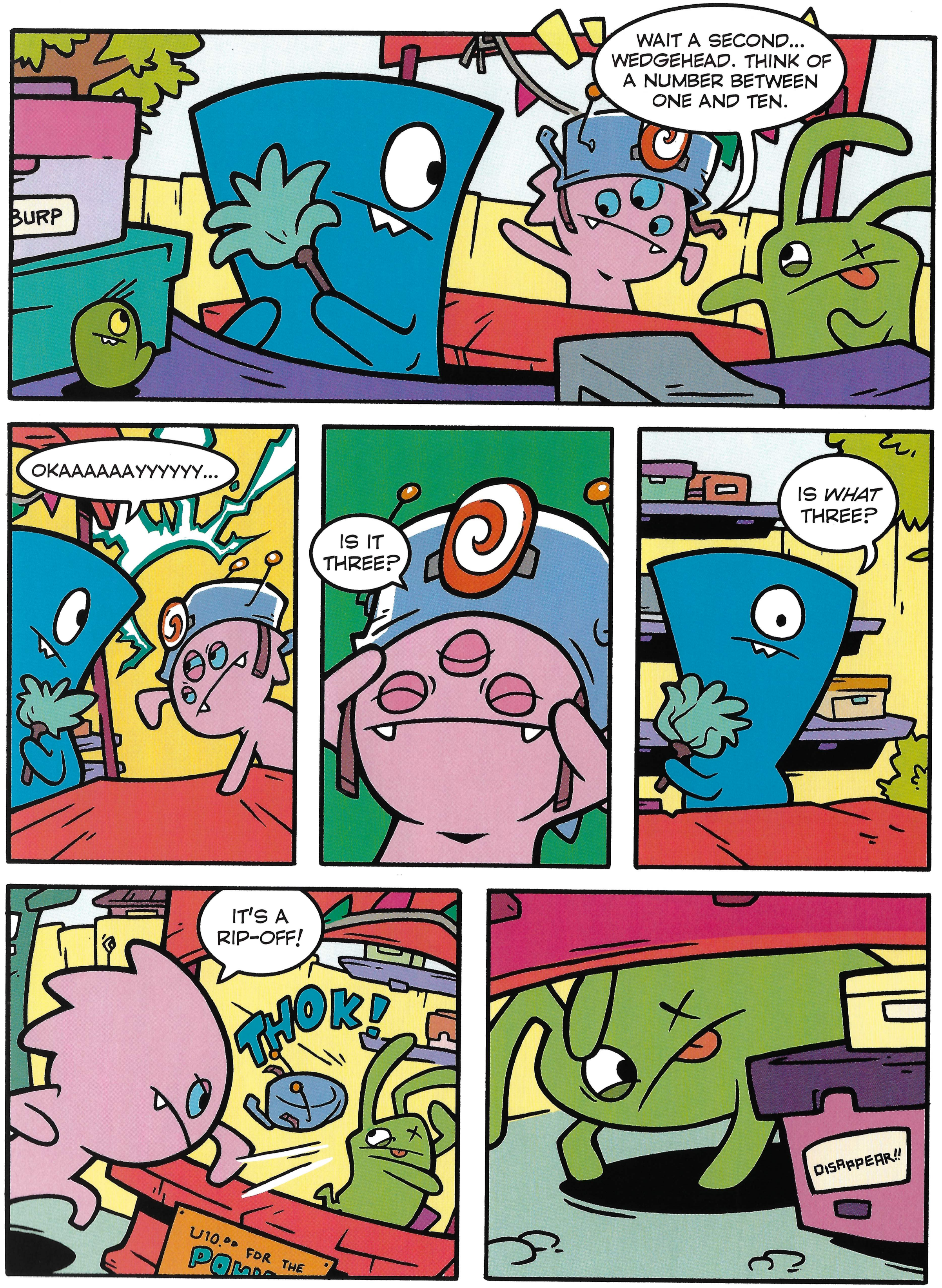

CHOOSE WISELY
₩10.00 FOR THE POWER OF YOUR CHOICE!
HMMMM....
₩10.00 FOR POWE OF YOUR CH
EEEEE
YOU KNOW, EVERY TIME I'M ASKED WHAT SUPERPOWER I WOULD CHOOSE IF I COULD, I SAY "FLIGHT." BUT NOW THAT I CAN CHOOSE FOR REALS, I'D HAVE TO SAY... OKAY, FLIGHT.

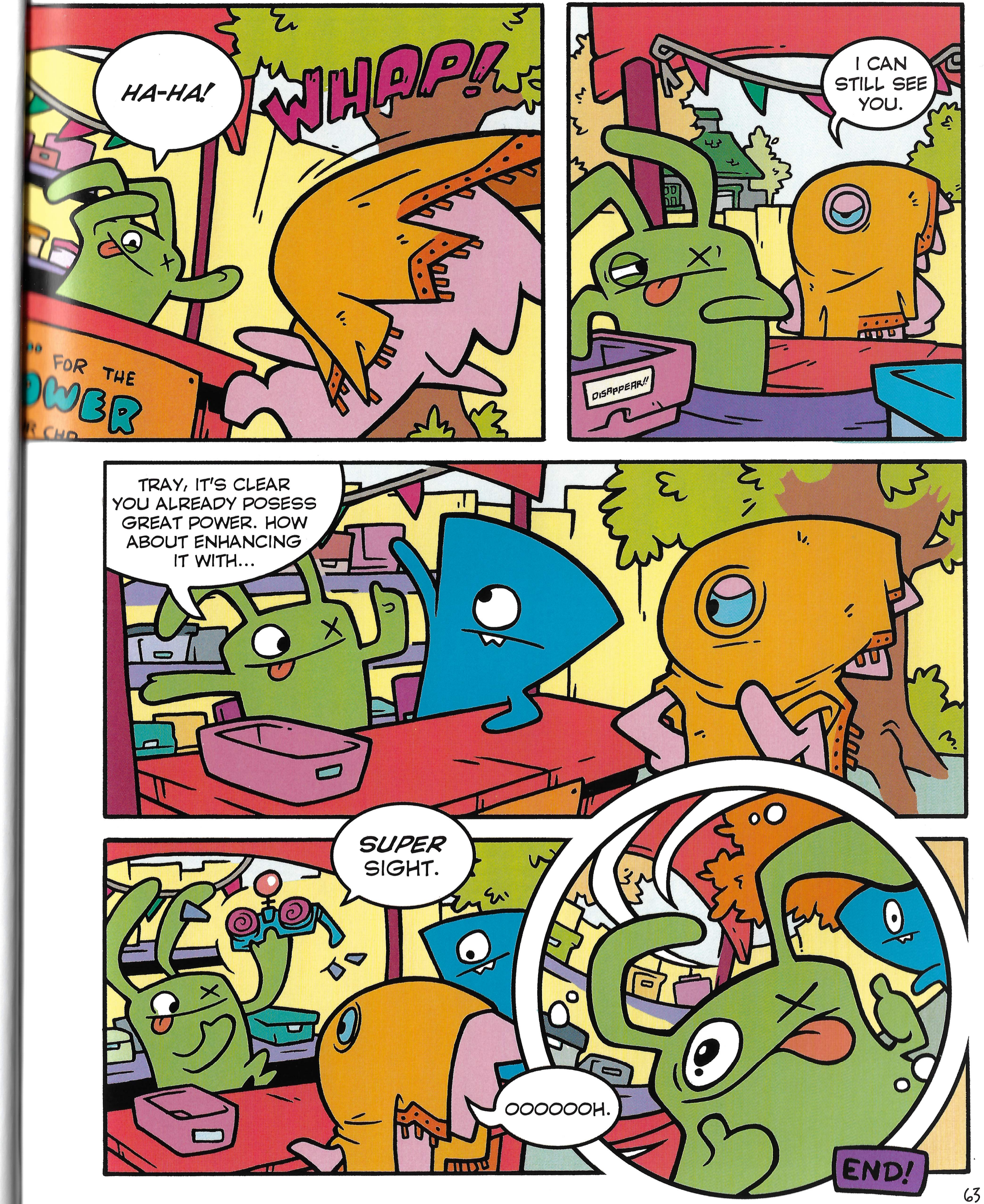

WEDGEHEAD, OLD CHUM. ONE FLIGHT, PLEASE.
HERE YOU GO!
FLIGHT
10
FLIGHT
WEEEEE
CHOOSE WISELY
NEXT!
INVISIBILITY, PLEASE.

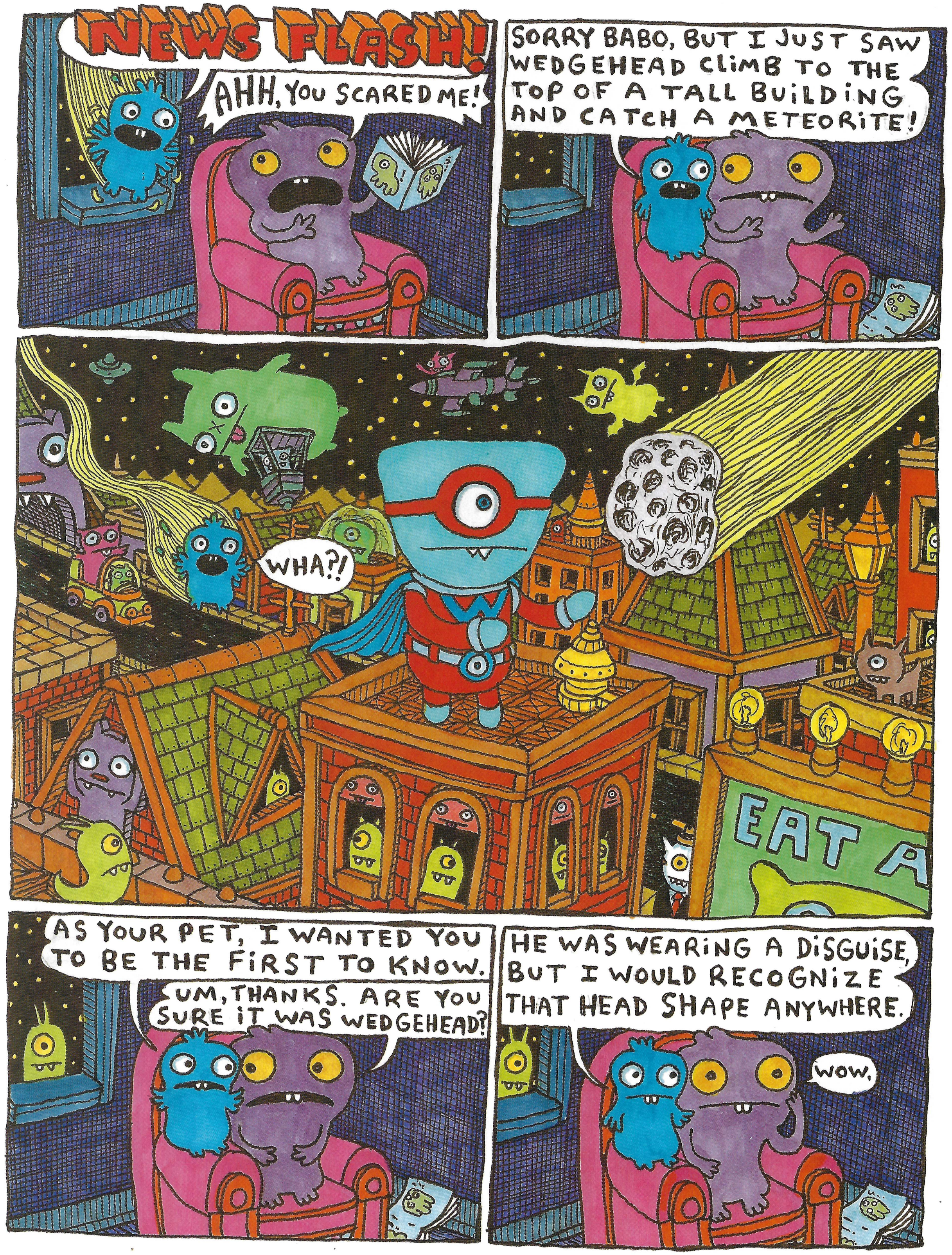

IIIIIIIIIN-VISIBILITA-AAAAAAY!
HUH?
GASP! WHERE'D TRUNKO GO?!
NEXT!
WOB
WOB
U10 FOR THE POWER OF YOUR CHOICE!
SUPER SPEED! GOTTA HAVE IT! SO MUCH TO SEE! SO MUCH TO DO!
O....KAY.

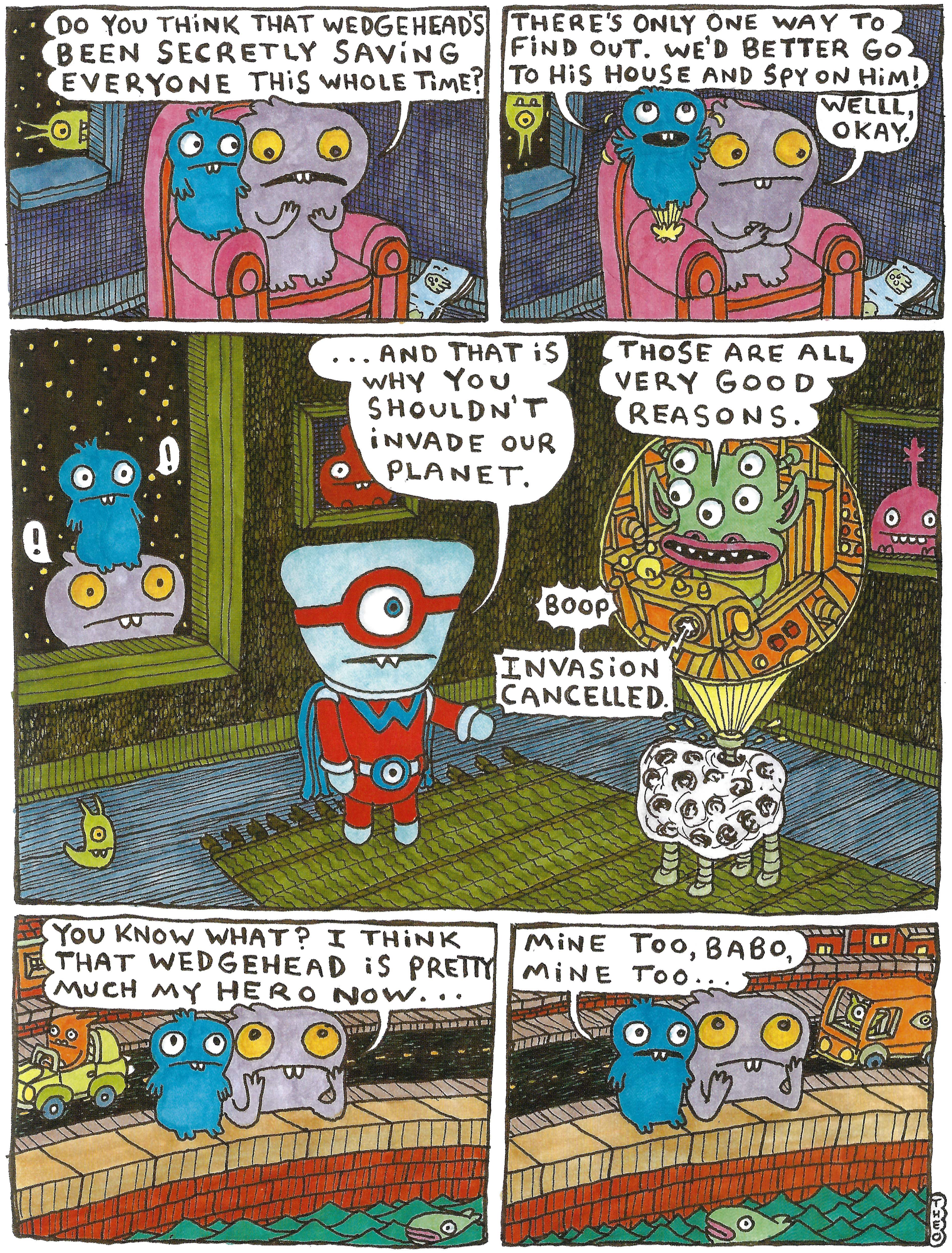

? ?
DOGE
ANIMAL COMMUNICATION
₩10.00 FOR
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
METAL
SHAPE SHIFTING
STRETCH
CLIK!
WHURRRRRRRRR
WEATHER


MIND READING
OKAY. I'M THINKING OF A NUMBER BETWEEN ONE AND A BUHZILLION. WHAT IS IT?
HMMMM-MMM....
DOOM
IS IT...
845,231,995,426,857?
EXACTLY!!!
₩10.00 FOR THE
WHOA! IT WORKED!


WAIT A SECOND... WEDGEHEAD. THINK OF A NUMBER BETWEEN ONE AND TEN.
BURP
OKAAAAAAYYYYYY...
IS IT THREE?
IS *WHAT* THREE?
IT'S A RIP-OFF!
THOK!
U10.00 FOR THE POW
DISAPPEAR!!

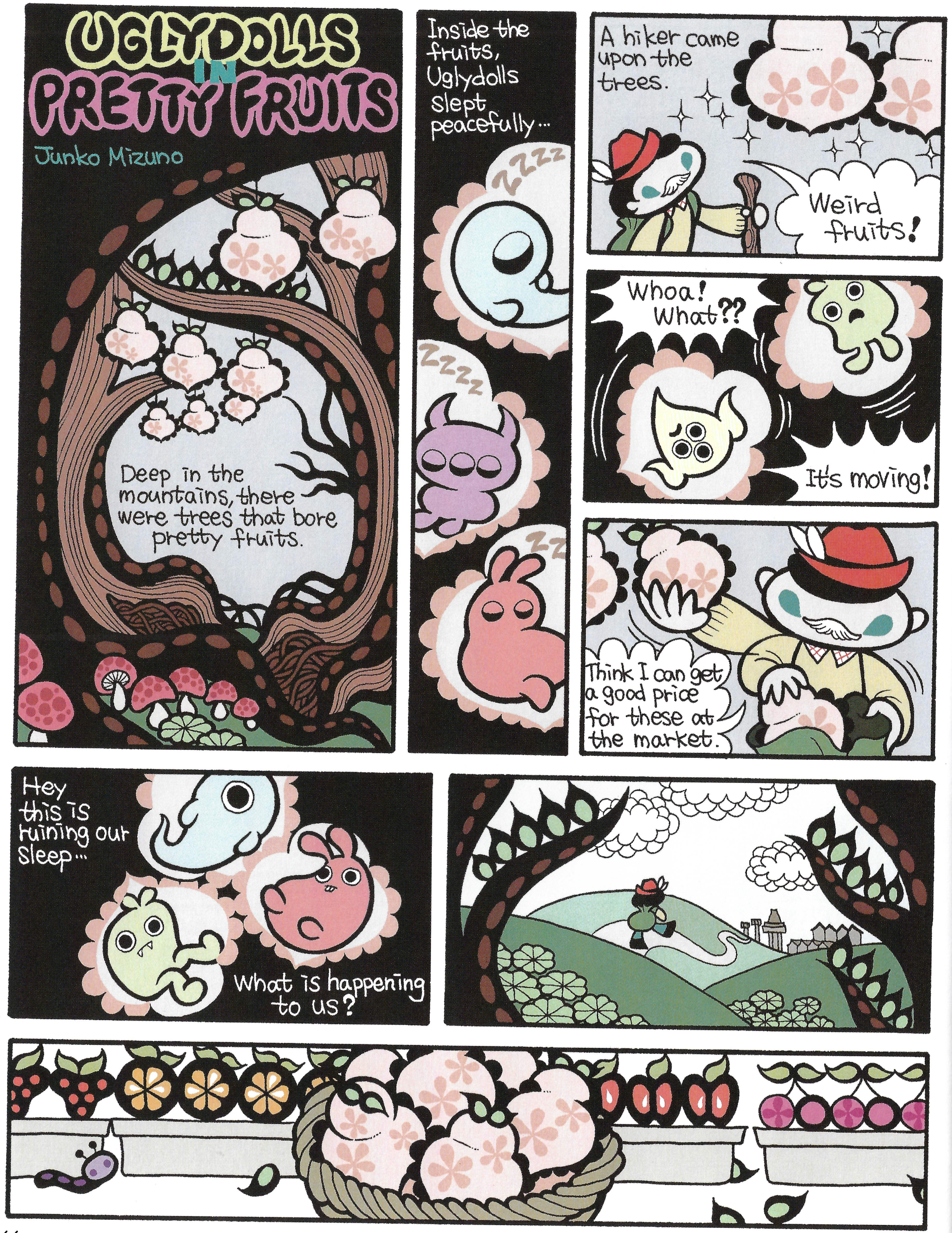

HA-HA!
WHAP!
FOR THE OWER
I CAN STILL SEE YOU.
DISAPPEAR!!
TRAY, IT'S CLEAR YOU ALREADY POSESS GREAT POWER. HOW ABOUT ENHANCING IT WITH...
SUPER SIGHT.
OOOOOOH.
END!

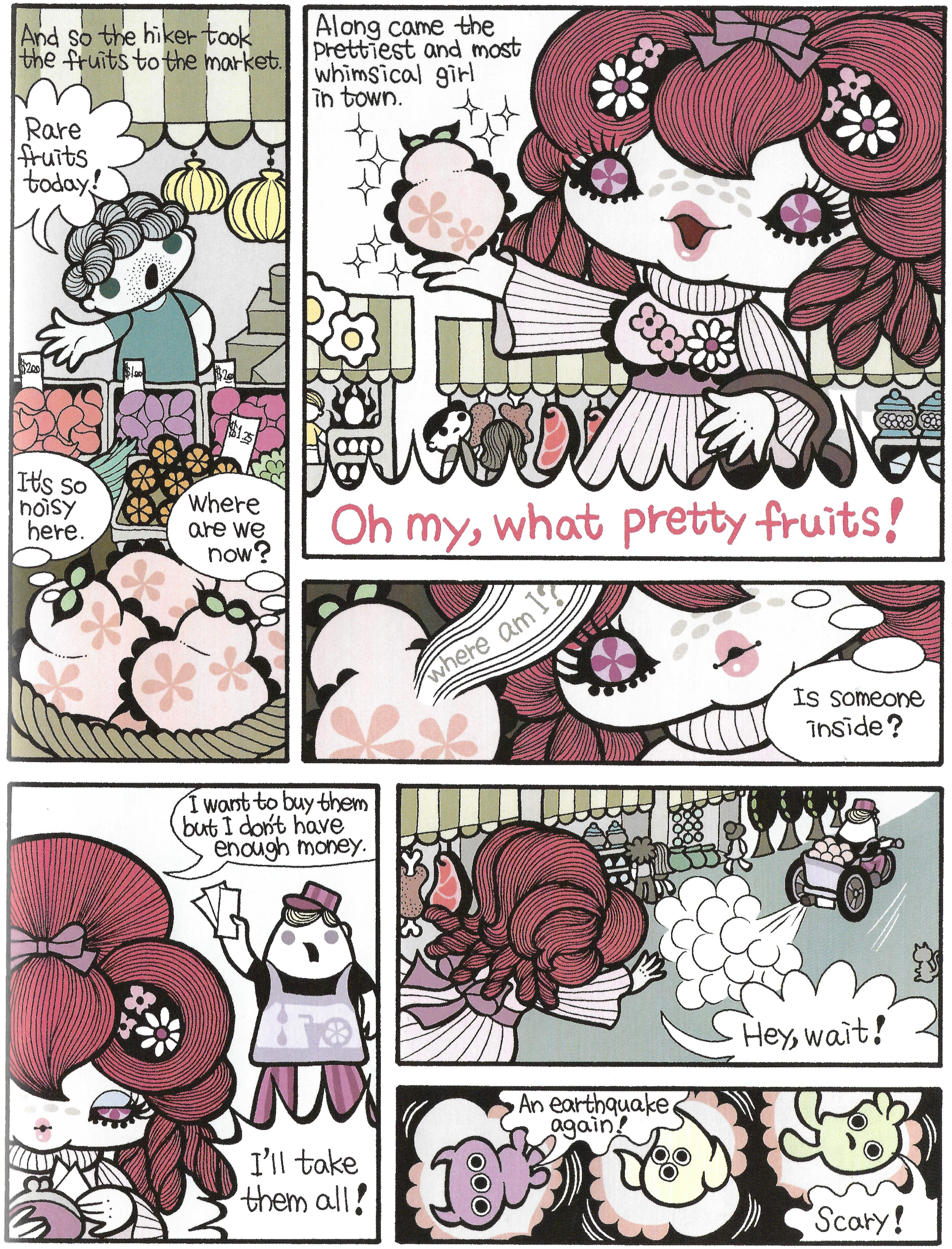

NEWS FLASH!
AHH, YOU SCARED ME!
SORRY BABO, BUT I JUST SAW WEDGEHEAD CLIMB TO THE TOP OF A TALL BUILDING AND CATCH A METEORITE!
WHA?!
EAT A
AS YOUR PET, I WANTED YOU TO BE THE FIRST TO KNOW.
UM, THANKS. ARE YOU SURE IT WAS WEDGEHEAD?
HE WAS WEARING A DISGUISE, BUT I WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT HEAD SHAPE ANYWHERE.
WOW.

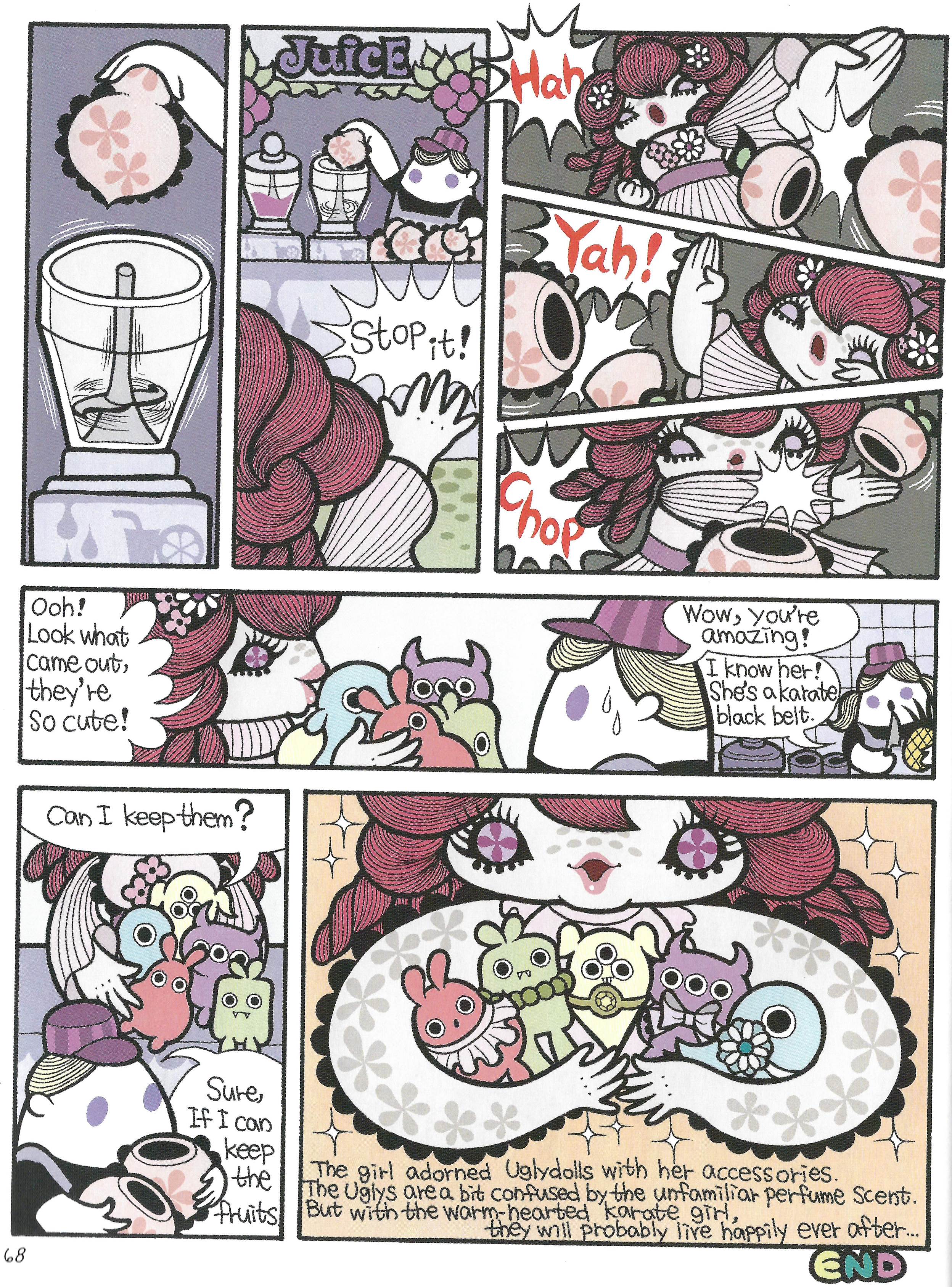

DO YOU THINK THAT WEDGEHEAD'S BEEN SECRETLY SAVING EVERYONE THIS WHOLE TIME?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT. WE'D BETTER GO TO HIS HOUSE AND SPY ON HIM!
WELLL, OKAY.
!
!
...AND THAT IS WHY YOU SHOULDN'T INVADE OUR PLANET.
THOSE ARE ALL VERY GOOD REASONS.
BOOP
INVASION CANCELLED.
YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK THAT WEDGEHEAD IS PRETTY MUCH MY HERO NOW...
MINE TOO, BABO, MINE TOO...
THEO

UGLYDOLLS IN PRETTY FRUITS

Junko Mizuno


Deep in the mountains, there were trees that bore pretty fruits.
Inside the fruits, Uglydolls slept peacefully...
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
ZZ
A hiker came upon the trees.
Weird fruits!
Whoa! What??
It's moving!
Think I can get a good price for these at the market.
Hey this is ruining our sleep...
What is happening to us?


And so the hiker took the fruits to the market.
Rare fruits today!
$200
$100
$200
$1.25
It's so noisy here.
Where are we now?
Along came the prettiest and most whimsical girl in town.
Oh my, what pretty fruits!
Where am I?
Is someone inside?
I want to buy them but I don't have enough money.
I'll take them all!
Hey, wait!
An earthquake again!
Scary!

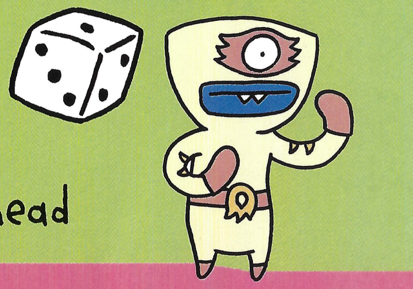

JUICE
Hah
Yah!
Stop it!
Chop
Ooh! Look what came out, they're so cute!
Wow, you're amazing!
I know her! She's a karate black belt.
Can I keep them?
Sure, If I can keep the fruits
The girl adorned Uglydolls with her accessories. The Uglys are a bit confused by the unfamiliar perfume scent. But with the warm-hearted karate girl, they will probably live happily ever after...
END

BE a HERO

Create your own Heroic Uglyverse story with help from this chance-a-rific chart! All you need is a six-sided die from a board game, some paper, and something to write with. Roll the die for each step and write down the results. Then create your story!

THE HEROIC:

1. Babo
2. Ox
3 Ice-Bat
4. Tray
5. Wage
6. Wedgehead

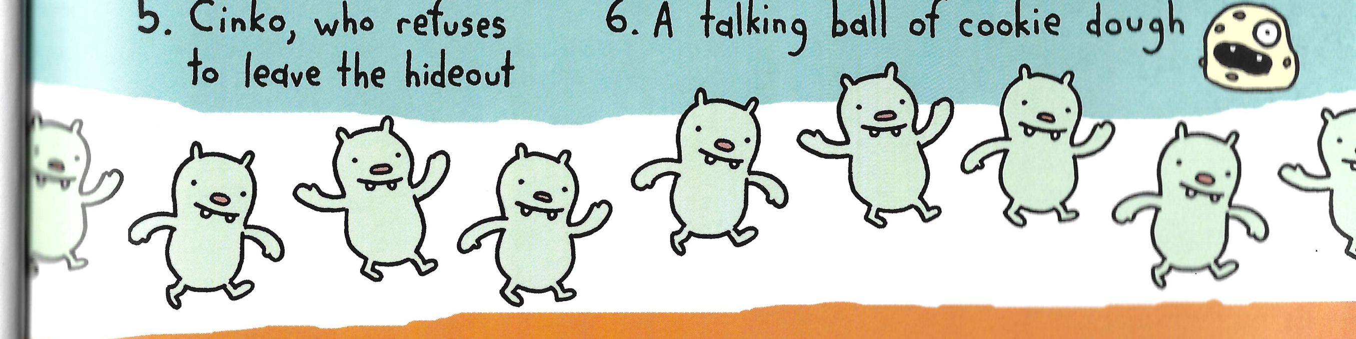


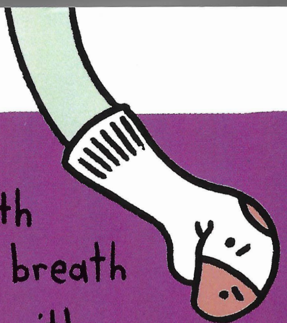
WITH THEIR POWER OF:

1. Super whistle
2. Realization they're in a story
3. Talking to dirt
4. Atomic guitar solos
5. Unlimited chocolate chips
6. Super stretchy tongue

AND HELP FROM THEIR SIDEKICK:

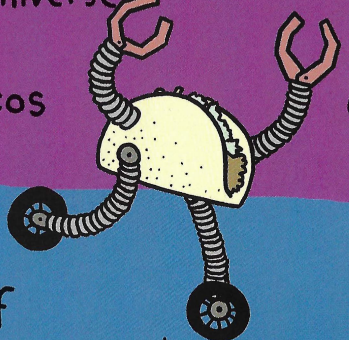
1. A potted plant
2. Babo's Bird
3. A swarm of tiny Jeeros
4. A version of himself/herself from the future
5. Cinko, who refuses to leave the hideout
6. A talking ball of cookie dough





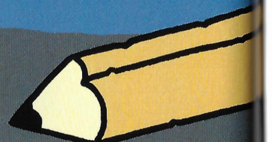
BATTLE THE EVIL:

1. Team of noodle-wielding ninjas
2. Uglyworm with reeeally bad breath
3. Opposite-universe Wage
4. Sock puppet with a bad attitude
5. Robo-Tacos
6. Overdue library book



AT/ON/IN:

1. The Age of Futuristic Dinosaurs!
2. An arena on Planet Q!
3. An abandoned amusement park!
4. A really long movie line.
5. A really boring island.
6. The whole stinking 'verse!



Now that you've got your story elements, write/draw your story! And don't feel limited to these choices. You have the power of SUPER IMAGINATION!

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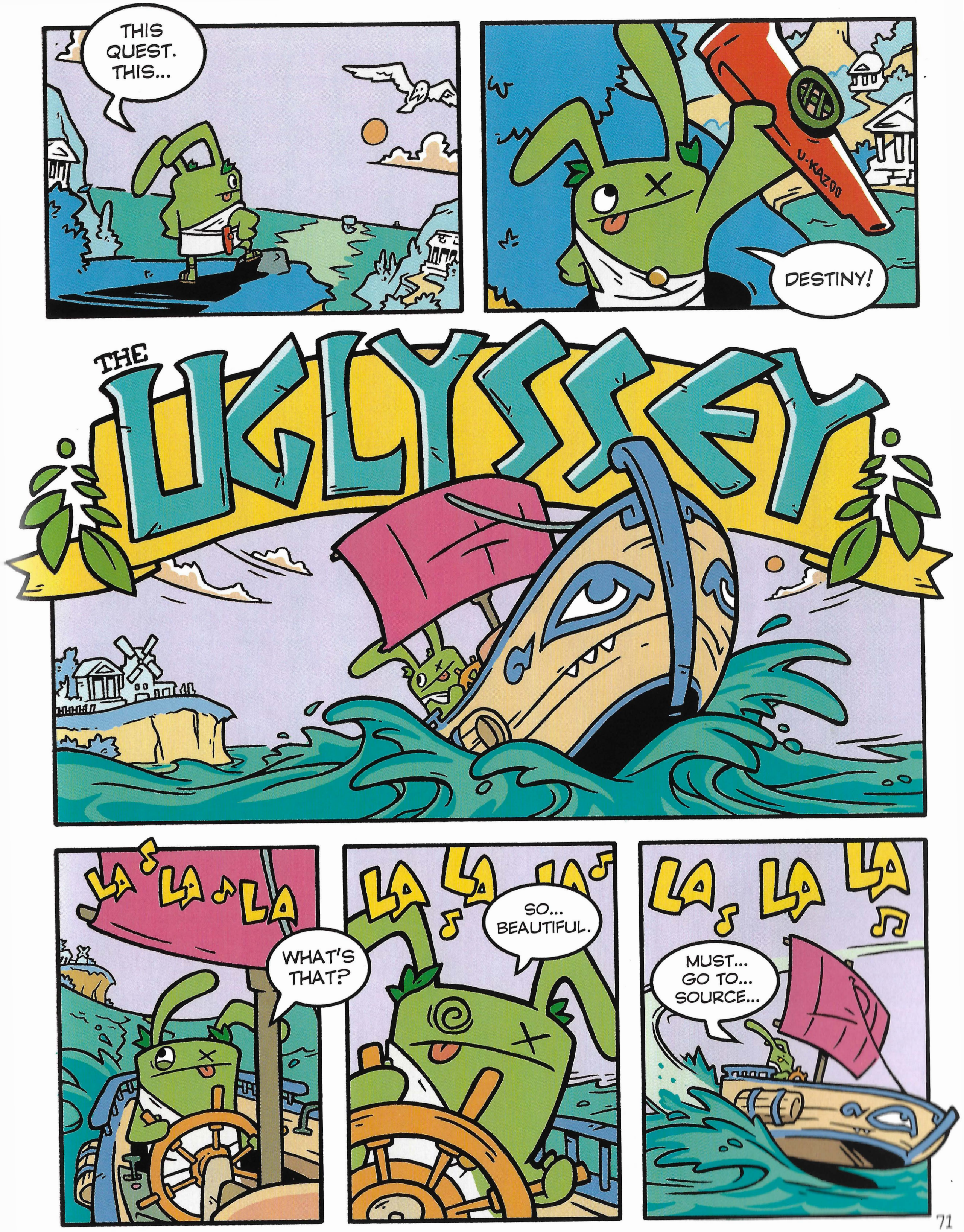
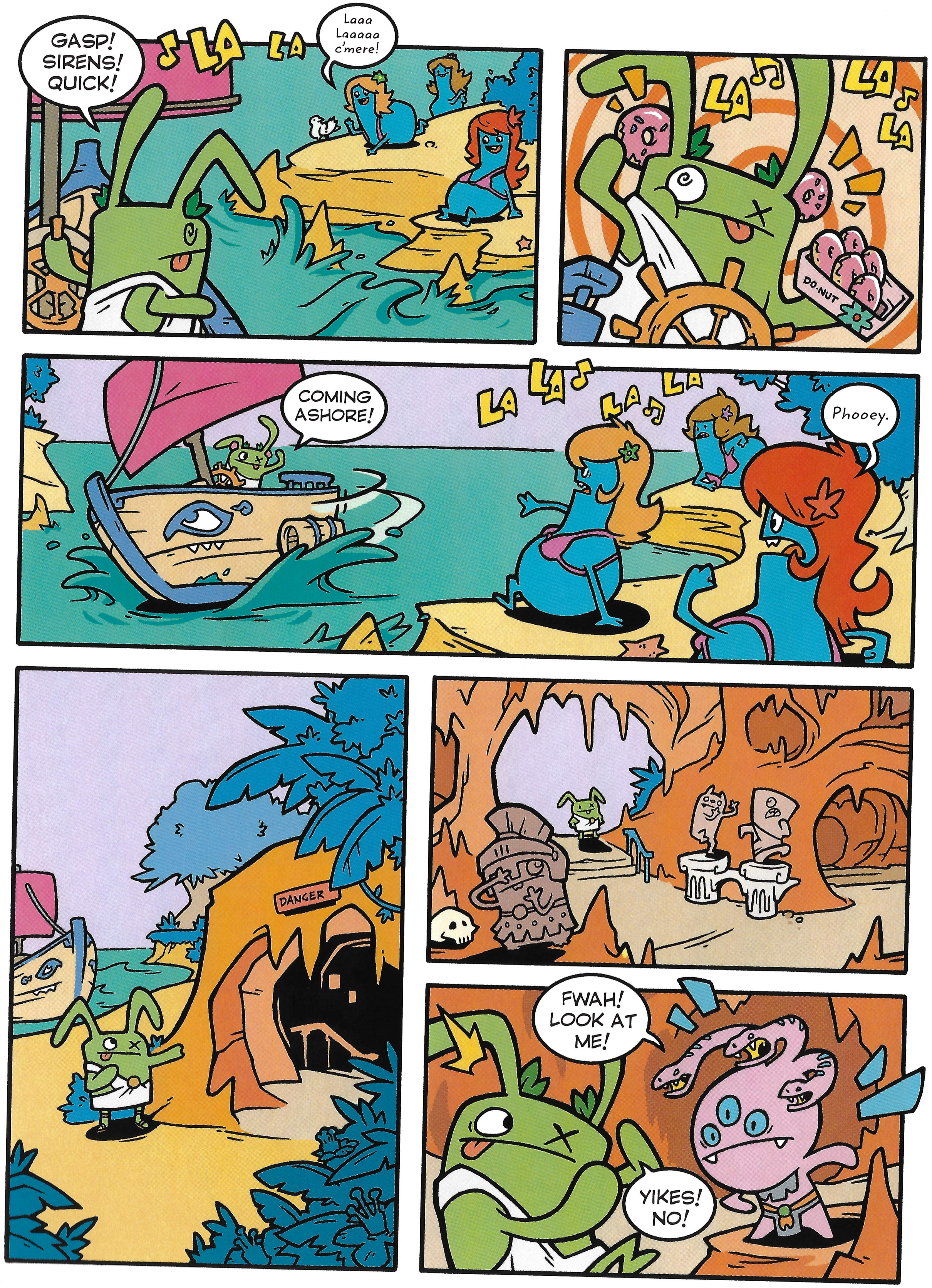
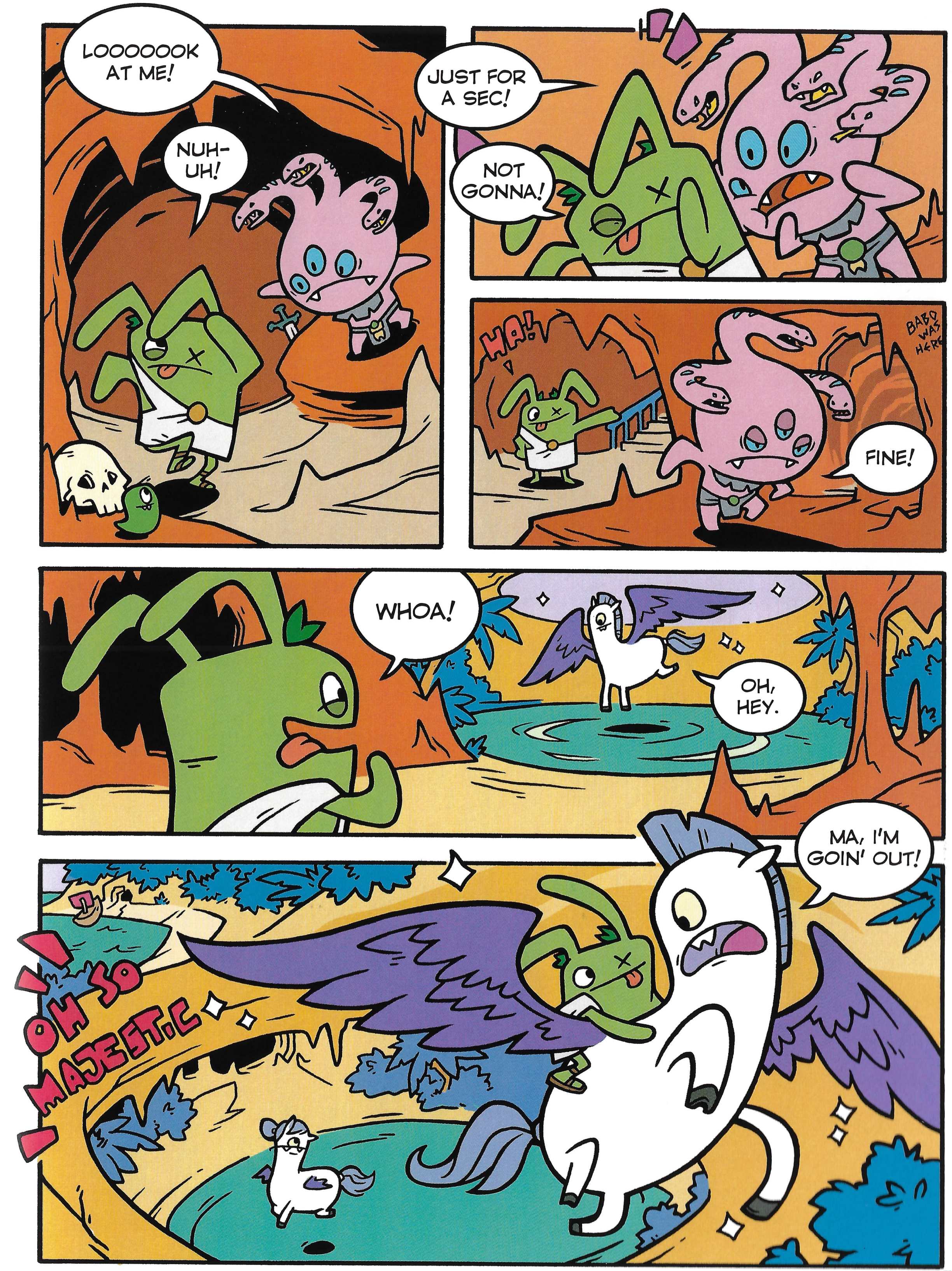
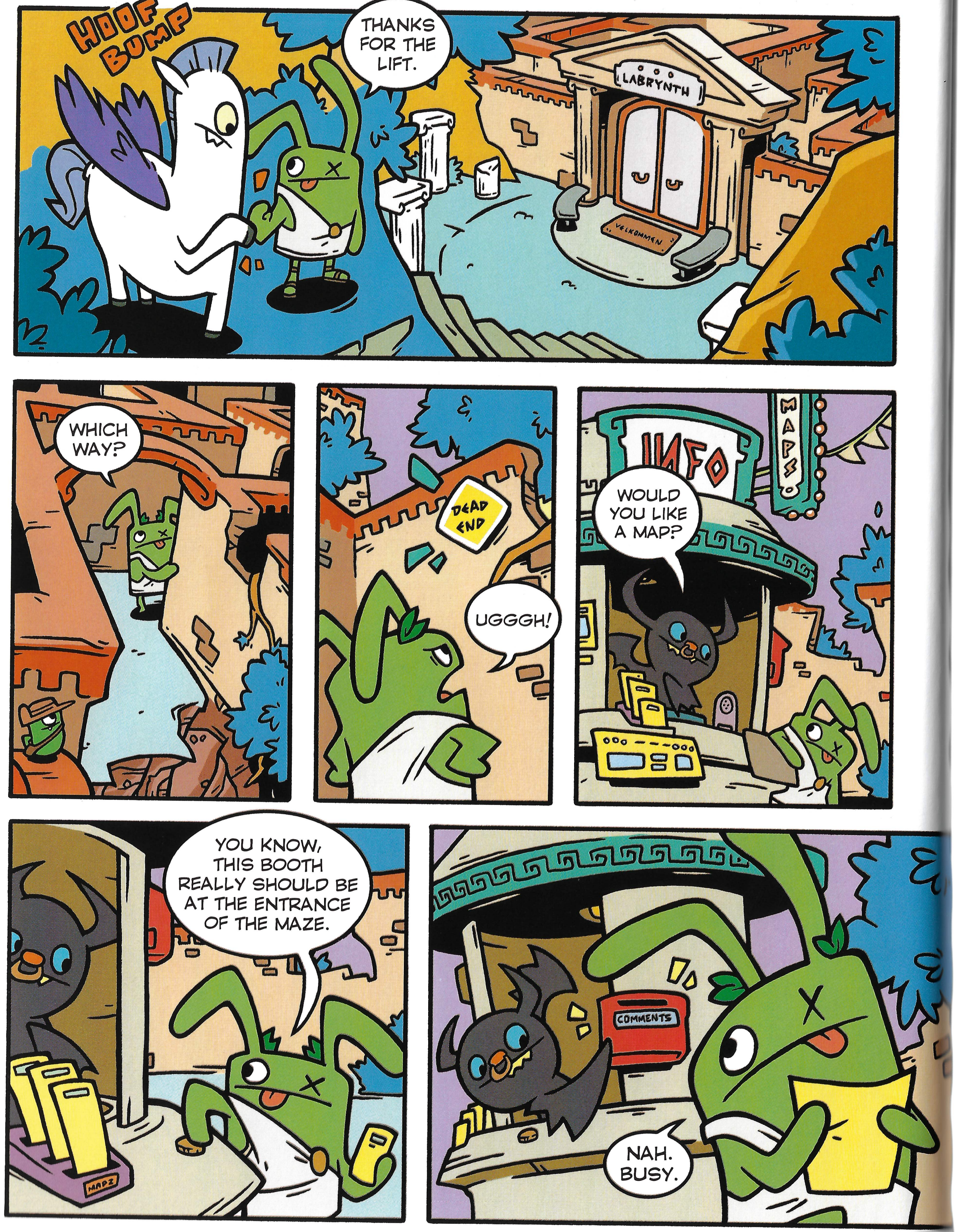
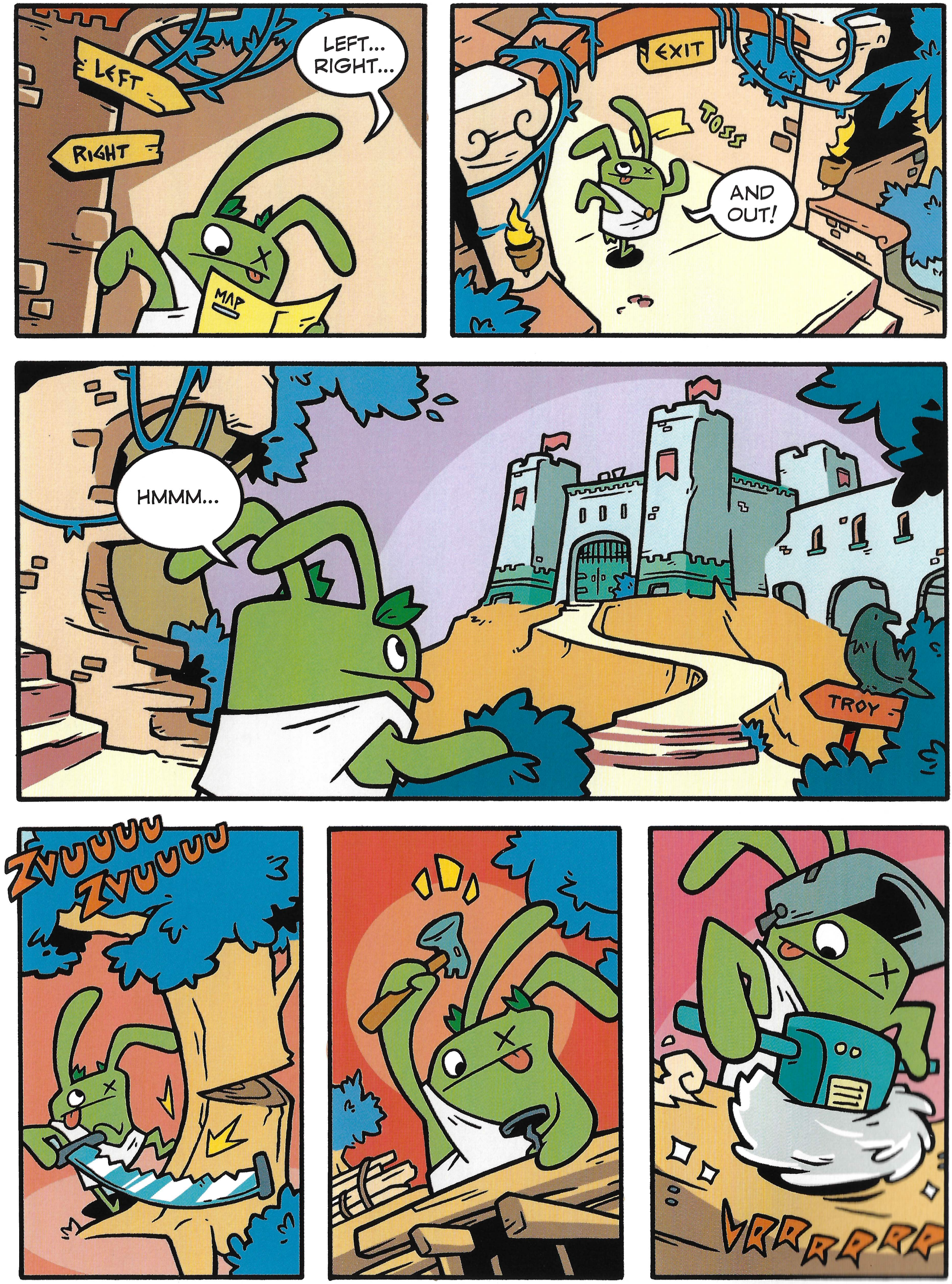
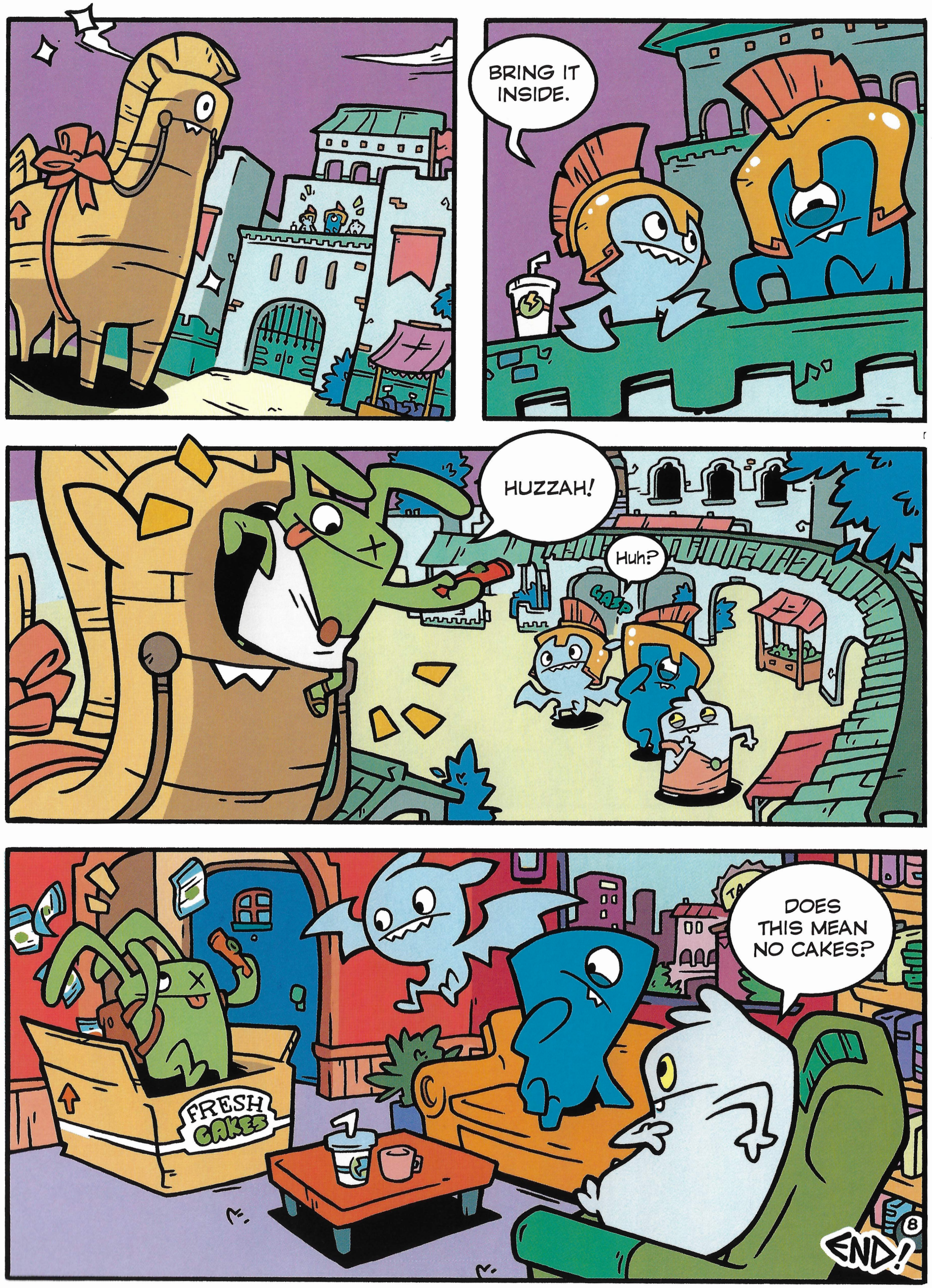

THIS QUEST. THIS...
U-KAZOO
DESTINY!
THE UGLYSSEY
LA LA LA LA
WHAT'S THAT?
LA LA LA
SO... BEAUTIFUL.
LA LA LA
MUST... GO TO... SOURCE...


GASP! SIRENS! QUICK!
LA LA LA
Laaa Laaaaa c'mere!
LA LA LA LA
DO-NUT
COMING ASHORE!
LA LA LA LA
Phooey.
DANGER
FWAH! LOOK AT ME!
YIKES! NO!


LOOOOOOK AT ME!
NUH-UH!
JUST FOR A SEC!
NOT GONNA!
HA!
BABY WAS HERE
FINE!
WHOA!
OH, HEY.
MA, I'M GOIN' OUT!
OH SO MAJESTIC!!


HOOF BUMP
THANKS FOR THE LIFT.
LABRYNTH
VELKOMMEN
WHICH WAY?
DEAD END
UGGGH!
INFO
MAPS
WOULD YOU LIKE A MAP?
YOU KNOW, THIS BOOTH REALLY SHOULD BE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MAZE.
MAPS
COMMENTS
NAH. BUSY.


LEFT
RIGHT
LEFT... RIGHT...
MAP
EXIT
TOSS
AND OUT!
HMMM...
TROY
ZVUUUU ZVUUUU
VRRRRRR


BRING IT INSIDE.
HUZZAH!
Huh?
GASP
DOES THIS MEAN NO CAKES?
FRESH CAKES
END!
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NOT FRAGILE

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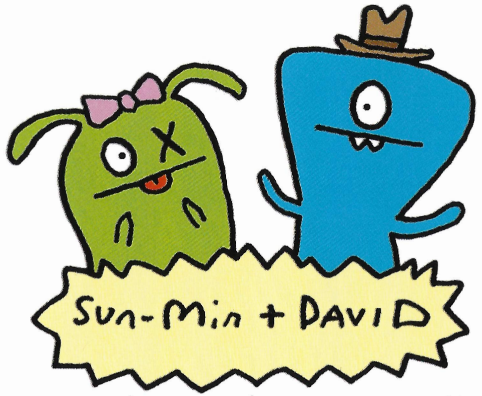
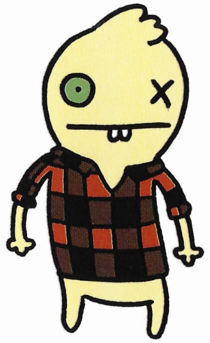


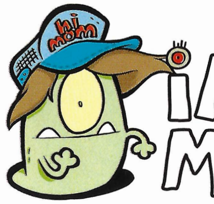
SUN-MIN KIM & DAVID HORVATH

are best known for creating the world of Uglydoll, which started as a line of handmade plush dolls and has since grown into a brand loved by all ages around the world. Their works can be found everywhere from the Moma in Tokyo and the Louvre in Paris, to the windows of their very own Uglydoll shop in Seoul. Sun-Min and David's very first conversation was about the meaning of "ugly." To them, ugly means unique and different, that which makes us who we are. It should never be hidden, but shouted from the rooftops! They wanted to build a world that showed the twists and turns that make us who we are, inside and out, because the whole world benefits when we embrace our true, twisty-turny selves. So, ugly is the new beauty. This Uglydoll comic features some of Sun-Min and David's heroes from the pop art and comic art world.



TRAVIS NICHOLS

is the author and illustrator of several books for kids and post-kids, including *The Monster Doodle Book*, *Punk Rock Etiquette* and *Matthew Meets the Man*. He previously drew comics for the late, great *Nickelodeon Magazine*. His deepest, most secret wish is to wake up as a gnome and spend his days building wooden locks, eating tiny biscuits and hanging out with birds. He can be found eating watermelon over the sink or online.



IAN MCGINTY

is a real smiley dude! And he wants to know where you got that cool lunchbox! You know, the one with the dinosaur riding a great white shark? Oh, is this Gilbert Johnson? No? Gosh, sorry for bothering you! Um...okay, bye.

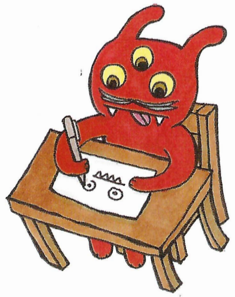
PHILLIP JACOBSON

is a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design sequential art program. His earlier works include the self-published titles *Battle Mammals* and *Pancakes for Yeti*. Some of his influences include Bryan Lee O'Malley, Madeline Rupert and Craig Bartlett. He would like to thank his late grandmother Mary Ann Hill for constantly encouraging him to draw when he was little and for inspiring him to pursue his artistic goals.

DEVILROBOTS

is a five-man design team. Established in 1997 and based in Tokyo, their main work consists of graphic design, character design, illustration, web design, project planning and production. Their work is known worldwide, especially in Asia.

DEVILROBOTS' sensibility is a little evil and robotic fun, and the result is an original world that is darkly cute. Their main character TO-FU OYAKO is well known worldwide.



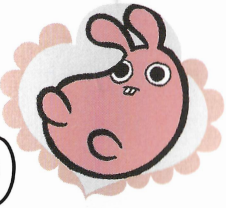
THEO ELLSWORTH

can't stop drawing. He's always working on new comics, art zines, album art, and original wood cut characters and he never wants to stop! He very much enjoyed his visit to the world of Uglydolls and hopes to stop by again sometime. He lives in Montana with his witchdoctor wife and his son who loves trains. He rides his bike to his studio to draw every day. He's probably there right now.

MAD BARBARIANS

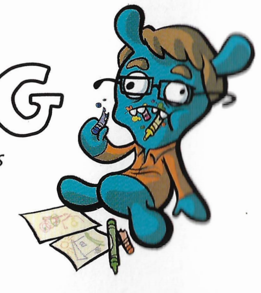
are an illustration/design unit from Japan comprised of Katsuya Saito and Masumi Ito with "Mad, Pop, Rock, Cute, and Stupid" as their main concept. They were founded in 2000 and are based in Japan. Because of the success of their original vinyl figures, they now participate in art shows and autograph sessions worldwide.

MAD BARBARIANS aim for world domination with MAD characters.



JUNKO MIZUNO

is a self-taught artist who is recognized for her unique style of powerful female imagery. In 1996, she self-produced a photocopy booklet called "MINA animal DX" which brought her to the attention of the publishing industry in Japan. Soon after, she debuted as a professional comic artist and illustrator. Currently residing in San Francisco, she is constantly working on new comics, paintings, illustrations and designs for products ranging from toys to clothing.



FRANK C. STRESING

is a comic book colorist on this book. Instilled with a love of cartoons at a young age, Fred started drawing and coloring in comics when he was three. He still does, only now he doesn't get yelled at for it.

DO YOU NEED A HERO?

COSPLA
101
101 WAYS TO DO Nothing
.x

So do we.

We want to help, we really do. But after all the suiting up, choosing powers, assembling a super team and rescuing cats from trees, there's no time for pie. And we really like pie. So maybe we're not cut out for saving the world. Don't you agree, Ice-Bat? Oh, wait, he's off defending the Uglyverse. We'll ask him when he's done. Right after we finish dessert.

Hey! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's **Mad Barbarians**, **DVRB**, **Theo Ellsworth** and **Junko Mizuno**!

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